

LOWING TIDE  
OF LIBERALISMPARTY IS STRONGER  
THAN EVER BEFOREMcBride's Glittering Generalities  
Are Disproven by Hard,  
Solid Facts.

(Special Correspondence).

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—That the Liberal government is as strong throughout the country as it was in 1904, at the time of the last general election, there is not the slightest doubt. In fact there is reason to believe that it is stronger, and surely a majority of more than sixty was overwhelming enough. Since the last appeal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his administration there have been frequent tests, and these have made it plain that the government was maintaining its strength. These tests were by-elections which it would be well to analyze.

Since 1904 there have been forty-five by-elections. Of these thirty-four constituencies have returned straight Liberals, while two others sent to parliament government supporters, in the persons of Independent and Labor Liberals. Out of the total of forty-five elections the Conservatives were successful in only nine instances. Of course there were gains and losses on both sides, but the relative strength of the government and opposition was not affected until the other day, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier's forces were increased by another recruit. This was the victory in South Huron, of M. Y. McLean, who won back to the Liberal fold a seat which went Conservative at the last general election. Is it any wonder that Messrs. Borden and Foster and their followers have been short-tempered of late in the House, and have become so puerile in their tactics that the shade of old Sir John would evaporate in disgust could he but behold them?

An analysis of the by-election returns reveals another interesting feature. Eleven Liberals were returned unopposed, while but two Conservatives were elected by acclamation, one being the leader, Mr. Borden, who, it will be remembered, was defeated in his home city, Halifax, at the last federal election, and had to seek a constituency in Carleton Place, Ontario.

In view of these facts, patent to anybody who follows the trend of political sentiment as manifested in by-elections, how can anyone in his senses predict a Conservative victory in the general elections? Nobody in the East has the faculty to do it, but all remember that Mr. McBride made the somewhat dazzling prophecy that his friends would corral all Canada from the Great Lakes to the Pacific at the next appeal to the electorate. But Mr. McBride's experience in federal politics is limited, and therefore it is not strange that he should not agree with well known Conservative papers like the Toronto News, whose forecaster, an expert by the way, advises the Conservative party to get ready for 1912, as he despairs of their ever doing anything worth while in the next election.

One might go farther and say that until the present Conservative opposition is strengthened by men of broad and progressive ideas, optimistic instead of narrow-grained pessimists, they will never recover the confidence of the country.

An hour in the gallery of the House of Commons will make this abundantly clear. The character of the opposition criticism is such as to convince the stranger that these carping, snappish, temperamental men are sadly out of place in the forum of such a nation as Canada, and really should belong to some parol body whose legislative horizon is commensurately limited. In order that readers of the Times may be able to appreciate the force of the foregoing reference to by-election held in Canada since 1904, the following list is appended:

Quebec Centre—A. Lachane (Lib.), acclamation.  
Carleton—R. L. Borden (Con.), acclamation.  
Wright—E. B. Devlin (Lib.), 172 majority.  
Toronto Centre—E. Bristol (Con.), acclamation.  
Edmonton—Hon. Frank Oliver (Lib.), acclamation.  
Lewis—L. A. Carrier (Lib.), acclamation.  
London—Hon. C. S. Hyman (Lib.), 636.  
Oxford North—George Smith (Lib.), 238.  
North York—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth (Lib.), 394.  
Antigonish—Wm. Chisholm (Lib.), 255.  
West Lambton—F. F. Pardee (Lib.), 546.  
Wentworth—E. D. Smith (Con.), 17.  
Compton—A. B. Hunt (Lib.), 350.  
West Assiniboia—W. E. Knowles (Lib.), acclamation.  
Saskatchewan—E. McCraney (Lib.), acclamation.  
Sherbrooke—A. N. Worthington (Con.), acclamation.  
Malouine—A. Verville (Labor), 2,075.  
Victoria, B. C.—Hon. Wm. Templeman (Lib.), 656.  
Cape Breton—North—A. C. Ross (Lib.), 584.  
Strathcona—Wm. McIntyre (Lib.), 1,718.  
North Brentford—G. V. White (Con.), 4,061.  
Elgin East—David Marshall (Con.), 72.  
Quebec County—L. Robitaille (Lib.), 298.  
St. John's—Hon. Joseph Demery (Lib.), acclamation.

North Bruce—John Tolmie (Lib.), 471.  
Shelburne and Queen's—Hon. W. S. Fielding (Lib.), 1,061.  
Montreal, Ste. Anne's—J. C. Walsh (Lib.), 202.  
Montreal, St. Mary's—M. Martin (Lib.), 1,204.  
Nicolet—Hon. C. R. Devlin (Lib.), 392.  
L'Assomption—R. C. E. Laurier (Lib.), 170.  
Victoria, N. B.—P. Michaud (Lib.), acclamation.  
Richelieu—A. Lanctot (Lib.), 1,104.  
Three Rivers—Hon. Jacques Bureau (Lib.), acclamation.  
St. John City and County—Hon. Wm. Pugsley (Lib.), acclamation.  
Brockville—Hon. G. P. Grahb, acclamation.  
Colchester, N. S.—J. Stanfield (Con.), 223.  
Labette—C. B. Major (Lib.), acclamation.  
London—Thos. Beattie (Con.), 1,035.  
Nicolet—G. A. Turcotte (Lib.), 421.  
East Northumberland—C. L. Owen (Con.), 244.  
Ottawa—J. B. T. Caron (Lib.), 3,229.  
North—Wellington—A. M. Martin (Lib.), 265.  
Centre York—P. D. McLean (Lib.), 26.  
South Huron—M. Y. McLean (Lib.), 144.  
Stanstead—Charles Lovell (Lib.), 260.

BURNED TO DEATH  
WHILE SLEEPINGFIVE VICTIMS IN  
ROOMING HOUSE FIREKansas City, Scene of Holocaust—Hemmed in by  
Flames.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Five persons were burned to death, and five others were injured, in a fire in a three-story rooming house at 1115 Wyandot street near the business centre this morning.

The fire started from an explosion of natural gas in the basement at 5 o'clock this morning. The flames and dense smoke spread quickly throughout the building, and before an alarm could be given all means of escape by the ordinary exits had been shut off.

The five persons who lost their lives were asleep on the third floor, and all save Mrs. Jennie Bert were burned to death in their rooms.

The injured slept on the lower floor and in the basement. Most of these escaped without aid, fighting their way through the flames and smoke. The firemen were able to rescue others from the burning building.

Mrs. Bert lost her life in trying to arouse the inmates.

There were 22 persons in the building when the fire broke out. Most of the roomers worked at night as waitresses and cooks at nearby hotels and restaurants and had only retired a short time previous and they were deep in slumber. This fact doubtless accounts for the inability of Mrs. Bert to awaken them.

The building was one of the oldest in the city. It was a veritable fire trap, and when the fire arrived it was then already doomed. It was not supplied with fire escapes and the only means of escape was by way of the stairway up through which the flames and smoke poured.

ANOTHER BANK  
GONE IN NEW YORKSmall Institution in South  
Brooklyn Follows in Track  
of October Panic.CANADIAN CATTLE  
FOR BRITAINEarl of Carrington Deeply  
Averse to Raising  
Bar.

London, Jan. 31.—The Earl of Carrington, president of the board of agriculture, speaking tonight at Lincoln, referred to the agitation of protectionists against the supply of American and other imported beef to the army. He strongly dissented from the claims of the protectionists, and declared that the feeding of the army on home-bred meat would mean an annual increase of \$1,750,000 in the army budget.

The Earl of Carrington also said that he never would consent to any alteration in the law excluding Canadian cattle from the country. The livestock interests of the country, he declared, were so phenomenally large that it would be a crime to run the risk of again infecting British cattle with disease.

Harry K. Thaw Is  
Found "Not Guilty"

TRIUMPH OF "UNWRITTEN LAW"

Murderer of Stanford White Pronounced Insane When He  
Committed Crime—Taken to Matteawan Asylum  
for a Little While.

New York, Feb. 1.—Harry K. Thaw was acquitted of the murder of Stanford White to-day on the grounds of being insane at the time of the murder.

Immediately the jury returned the verdict Justice Dowling committed the prisoner to the asylum for the criminally insane at Matteawan, subject to his recovery.

PANDEMONIUM BROKE LOOSE.

The jury had been out for twenty-five hours almost to a minute and is said to have taken about a dozen ballots before reaching a verdict.

When the verdict was announced pandemonium broke loose in the court room.

Attorney Littleton asked Justice Dowling to release the prisoner immediately. The justice refused the request and a messenger was dispatched to get District Attorney Jerome, who was in his office.

Upon Mr. Jerome's arrival the request for Thaw's release was renewed. After a moment's reflection Justice Dowling said: "The jury having found acquittal on the ground of insanity at the time of the shooting, the court feels it incumbent on itself to look into the testimony given during the trial for a degree of that insanity. The court is satisfied that to allow the defendant to be at large at the present time, would be dangerous to the public safety. The court, therefore, orders that the defendant having been acquitted in the ground of insanity, and the court deeming discharge at this time a danger, it is ordered that Harry K. Thaw be taken forthwith to Matteawan state hospital for the insane, and the court orders the sheriff of this county to conduct him there immediately."

WILL FIGHT FOR RELEASE.

Attorney Littleton took exception to the word "forthwith" and asked for a reasonable delay to consult his client.

Justice Dowling granted reasonable time and Thaw was taken back to the Tombs to await further action.

His counsel announced after consultation they would decide by three o'clock this afternoon whether or not to fight his commitment to the Matteawan asylum.

"The Matteawan institution is for the criminally insane," said his counsel, "but according to the verdict Thaw is not a criminal."

A writ of habeas corpus has been drawn up to present to Judge Newburger in the case and his attorney has decided to fight to have him released immediately.

"MY SON IS SAVED."

Mrs. William Thaw, mother, said on receipt of the news of the verdict: "Thank God, my son is saved; I am perfectly satisfied."

TAKEN TO ASYLUM.

New York, Feb. 1.—Harry K. Thaw was taken to the Matteawan asylum late this afternoon.

THAW CASE IN A NUTSHELL.

April 5, 1906—Harry Kendall Thaw and Florence Evelyn Nesbit married.

June 25, 1906—Thaw shot and killed Stanford White, wealthy architect, whom he accused of having had improper relations with his wife before marriage, at Madison Square Roof Garden.

June 28—Thaw indicted for murder in the first degree and pleaded not guilty.

January 23, 1907—First trial of Thaw began, Justice Fitzgerald presiding.

February 1—Twelfth juror selected and final preparations made for trial by District Attorney Jerome, prosecutor, and Delphin M. Delmas, chief counsel for the defense.

February 5—Dr. Charles C. Wiley, Pittsburg, testified that at the time of the shooting Thaw was insane, but admitted he was not an expert alienist.

February 6—Benjamin Boman, electrician at Madison Square Garden, testified that White had threatened to kill Thaw.

February 7—Evelyn Thaw called to stand and bared sensational history of her life, telling her story as she had told it to Thaw in Paris in 1903, when she said she refused to marry him. She told how White had drugged her and harmed her in 1901, when she was in her 15th year.

February 12—Dr. Britton D. Evans, alienist, declared Thaw was suffering from "brain storm" at the time of shooting White.

February 14—Death of wife of juror, J. B. Bolton, halted trial for five days.

February 19—Evelyn Thaw again on the stand, testified White told May McKenzie, Evelyn's friend, that he would win the young wife from Thaw.

February 20—Evelyn Thaw submitted to cross-examination by Jerome, declared that White had told her that all women were immoral and that she was convinced of the contrary by Thaw.

March 6—Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Thaw, testified as to change in son after return from Europe in 1903.

March 7—Delmas suddenly rested case of defense.

March 14—In reply to 15,000-word hypothetical question, Mr. Austin Flint, insanity expert, swore that Thaw was sane.

March 20—Jerome halted trial, moving for appointment of lunacy commission.

March 25—Justice Fitzgerald appointed commission to examine into Thaw's sanity, which, on April 14, declared Thaw sane.

April 3—Delmas summed up case for defense, appealing to "unwritten law" and urging "dementia Americana."

April 10—Jerome summed up case for defense, age charged jury.

April 12—Jury reported disagreement after being out forty-seven hours.

December 2—Case set for trial by Justice Dowling on January 6, 1908.

Jan. 5, 1908—Second trial of Thaw began.

January 31—Case went into hands of the jury.

February 1—Jury brought in a verdict of Not Guilty on grounds that Thaw was insane when committing homicide.

WHY JAPAN IS  
STILL ARMING"Must Be Prepared Against  
Eventualities," Says Her  
Minister of War.

Tokio, Feb. 1.—At a sectional meeting here, M. Oishi asked the minister of war, Terauchi, why Japan should maintain a large military force, and continue military preparations in the presence of assured peace like the present. He also pointed out the fact that the nation was already feeling the burden entailed thereby.

Minister Terauchi replied that even in European countries, where there was not the slightest probability of war, no nation retrenches in the matter of its national defence. The fullest military equipment was the best guar-

antee of peace. Japan's armament was not directed against anybody, but the nation must always be prepared against eventualities.

C. W. SAWERS RESIGNS.

Orangemen's Action Due to Having  
Offered Conservative Nomination  
to Sir C. Tupper.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—C. W. Sawers, master of Imperial lodge No. 1815 L. O. L., has resigned from that office owing to difficulties arising out of his presence and his leadership of a number of Orangemen, who recently tendered a Conservative nomination in Vancouver to Sir Charles H. Tupper.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—After two days, with the thermometer dropping as far as 23 degrees below zero, Ottawa to-day is caught in a blizzard the like of which has not been experienced for many years.

ARMADA ON WAY  
ROUND CAPE HORNWill Be Met by British Cruiser  
Sappho at Punta  
Arenas.

Punta Arenas, Jan. 31.—The American fleet of sixteen battleships, which entered the Strait of Magellan at 2 o'clock this afternoon, is anchored to-night in Possession bay, some twenty miles to the westward of Dungeness point, where the straits proper begins. This information reached here about 6 o'clock to-night by means of wireless telegraphy. The message said that the fleet would arrive at Punta Arenas at noon to-morrow.

The British cruiser Sappho has arrived here, and will remain during the stay of the American fleet.

## "PEGGY MACHREE."

Curtain Rung Down on Dennis O'Sullivan, America's Irish Actor.

Columbus, O., Feb. 1.—Dennis O'Sullivan, the Irish actor and singer, died to-day at the Grant hospital after an operation for appendicitis performed on Thursday. He was born in San Francisco in 1865. His wife is here.

His greatest success was in "Peggy Machree." No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but the body will probably be taken to San Francisco.

PRICE EDWARD'S PREMIER.

F. L. Hassard Succeeds the Late Premier Peters.

Special to the Times.

Charlottetown, Feb. 1.—F. L. Hassard has been selected as Liberal leader to succeed Premier Peters and he will form a cabinet forthwith.

OTTAWA'S POPULATION.

(Special to the Times).

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Assessors estimate the population of the city this year at 76,280, an increase of 8,678 in the year, due to the annexation of suburbs.

SOUTH AMERICA

FOR JAPANESE

WILL DIVERT YELLOW

STREAM TO CHILE

Destination of Yellow Race to  
Be Limited by Opportunities  
Alone.

Tokio, Feb. 1.—At a sectional committee meeting of the representatives to-day, Baron Chinda, vice-foreign minister, in reply to a question on the foreign emigration policy of the government, pointed out that South America was a favorable ground for Japanese emigrants, and a legislation will be established in Chile to promote better relations in both countries in the matter of trade and emigration.

The government had been making careful investigations which show that Chile and the Argentine Republic are favorable to emigration, "and where," he said, "our emigrants are welcomed. The government will not prevent them going there."

It is believed it will not be necessary to conclude any special treaty for emigration, and that existing stipulations are sufficient to protect Japanese subjects.

To another question as to whether it would not be better to send emigrants chiefly to Korea and Manchuria, Baron Chinda replied that it was not necessary to limit their destination. Whenever the opportunity offered for the promotion of Japanese interests, Japan's energy would be directed there.

TRAVELER ENDED  
LIFE BY LAUDANUMMontrealer Found Dying in  
Winnipeg Hotel—Well-  
Known in East.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1.—J. Kerrush, a traveller for the Remond Co. Limited, of Montreal and Winnipeg, drank laudanum at the Royal Alexander hotel yesterday morning and died at the general hospital several hours afterwards.

No motive is given for the act. Kerrush arrived in this city late on Thursday night and secured a room in the Royal Alexander. Yesterday morning one of the maids rapped at his door and receiving no answer to her knocks, she entered to make up the bed. She found Kerrush lying on the bed and groaning as if in pain. Beside the bed was a two ounce bottle bearing a laudanum label and the usual remedies were applied but without avail.

Kerrush was about 30 years of age and is well known in the East.

CHILDREN AS

ANTI-GRAZERS

Young Ireland Joins in Playing  
Part in Reign of Ter-  
rorism.

Dublin, Jan. 31.—The children of members of the United Irish League in the west of Ireland, who are carrying on the anti-grazing campaign, are rapidly being infected with a violent form of the boy-cotting fever, and are threatening to close up the national schools if the children of the occupants of the grazing lands are permitted to attend the schools. As an earnest of their determination to do this sixty pupils attending a national school near Boyle, County Roscommon, to-day, walked out in a body because the teachers refused to dismiss four small sons and daughters of men who have been boycotted.

DEATH OF D. S. PERRIN.

London, Ont., Feb. 1.—D. S. Perrin, head of the biscuit firm in this city, is dead, aged 75.

MINING MERGER  
IS PROJECTEDNEW YORKERS MAY  
CONTROL FRANKLIN CAMP.Owners of Maple Leaf to Ac-  
quire Many Well-Known  
Properties.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 1.—A mammoth mining merger affecting nearly all the principal properties in Franklin camp and entailing an expenditure of nearly a quarter of a million dollars is at present under contemplation, and may materialize if the New York Company which is at present working the Maple Leaf property finally takes up the present bond.

It is stated from inside sources that as soon as the present bond of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is lifted on the Maple Leaf, the same company will endeavor to secure the Gloucester group, the White Bear group, as well as the M. S. and several other well known properties in the immediate vicinity. These properties would all be worked by the same company.

At the present time a strong force of miners is at work on the Maple Leaf and it is stated that it has been decided to run a long tunnel on the property. In the event of this mining merger being completed the Maple Leaf Mining Company would also undertake the erection of a smelting plant in Franklin camp, and thus do away with the necessity of shipping the ore some fifty miles to the Granby Smelter. The ore of Franklin camp are as a general rule low grade, but could be treated at a good profit by the Franklin camp smelter.

The management of the "Little Bertha" property at Bannock City, while yet undecided as to the best means of treating the ore from this property, are seriously considering the advisability of erecting a small smelter at the property with a capacity of fifty tons per day and to consist of two furnaces. Should the erection of this small reduction works at Bannock City be finally decided upon, much custom ore could be treated at this smelter from the various claims around Bannock City, and the business of the plant would soon grow and would warrant the enlargement of the plant. Dr. Appleton, of Spokane, one of the principal owners of this mine, will move to Grand Forks it is expected, and will personally superintend the works at the mine.

TORNADO WHIRLS  
SIX TO DEATHSwept Pathway Mile Wide  
Through District in Mis-  
sissippi.

Wesson, Miss., Feb. 1.—Six persons were killed outright by a tornado which laid waste a strip of farming country three-quarters of a mile wide and several miles long just north of here yesterday.

A negro who arrived about dark brought news of the tornado and an appeal for assistance. Physicians started in carriages for the stricken district.

According to the negro, the dead are six, three fatally hurt and several injured. It is feared there may have been other fatalities than those reported by the negro.

The tornado, which struck here about 3 p. m., spent its force for 20 miles in a northeasterly direction, sweeping a pathway nearly a mile wide and damaging or destroying nearly every building in this city. Scores of dead farm animals litter the tornado's track.

Surrounding towns in the direct path of the storm suffered damage during the few minutes of the tornado's duration. Darkness settled down so quickly after the tornado that only an incomplete estimate of the destruction is obtainable to-night.

NEW IMMIGRATION AGENT.

Bruce Walker, Successor to Obed Smith, Arrives in Canada.

Halifax, Feb. 1.—The steamer Empress of Ireland arrived last evening and brought among her passengers Bruce Walker, the former immigration superintendent in London, who is to exchange places with Obed Smith at Winnipeg.

REV. R. TORRANCE IS DEAD.

Aged Ex-Moderator of Presbyterian Church Passes Away.

Special to the Times.

Guelp, Ont., Feb. 1.—Rev. Robert Torrance, D. D., ex-moderator of the Presbyterian church, is dead, aged 86.

\$3,000 A YEAR!

Toronto Council Wants Liquor License Fees More Than Doubled.

Special to the Times.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The city council has decided to petition the government to increase the liquor license fee from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year.



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**POPULAR LECTURES TO BE GIVEN HERE**  
**Miss Murcutt Will Open Series at the New Grand To-morrow Evening.**

To-morrow evening in the New Grand theatre, Miss Ada L. A. Murcutt, of London, fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, will begin a series of lectures in Victoria. This opening lecture will begin at 8:15 and will be on the subject of "National Righteousness."  
The lecturer has delighted audiences in all parts of the world and is reported to be a most entertaining speaker. Miss Murcutt is an Australian by birth, but has lived for some years in America, and has a world-wide reputation as a lecturer, traveler, and writer. She is, indeed, a remarkable woman, having come through experiences quite unique in their way, and undergone hardships which very few women have ever had the temerity to face. She has traveled four times round the world, and has left the "beaten track" and explored regions where no other white woman has been, facing innumerable perils and dangers. As a result of over ten years of travel and observation in almost every country in the world, Miss Murcutt has collected a fund of information and experience which provokes the closest interest, and awakens the public conscience to the existing evils of the day.  
During the coming week she will speak in the A. O. U. W. hall on the following subjects:  
Wednesday, "White Slaves of Great Britain," at 8 p. m.  
Thursday, "Women of Other Lands," at 8 p. m.  
Friday, "Russia and its Island Prison," at 8 p. m.  
Friday afternoon, a limelight entertainment for children, "Beautiful Pictures of Japan."



MISS ADA L. A. MURCUTT.

**THE "BARON" SENT UP FOR SIX MONTHS**

**He Was Convicted by Magistrate of Obtaining Money Upon False Pretences.**

Yesterday afternoon Winfrith von Pfag Gasendorf was given a sentence of six months in jail by Magistrate Jay. The charge against the prisoner was for obtaining \$15 from W. D. Smith, one of the porters of the Poodle Dog restaurant. The magistrate, in passing judgment, drew the attention of the court to three misrepresentations made by the prisoner. Firstly, he had wrongly given his name as Baron von Gasendorf; secondly, he made the false statement to Mr. Smith that he had taken \$15 from the safe in the Dominion hotel and lost it in the Poodle Dog restaurant; and thirdly, he made the statement that he had a letter of credit on the Bank of Montreal, at Montreal.  
"Concerning the first," said the magistrate, "the documents produced had shown the accused was known as Von Pfag in his boyhood. In explanation, he says that his father has in recent years inherited a title. This may be true and I do not contest it."  
"With regard to the second, he have the evidence of Mr. Smith as to what was said to him by the accused and Mr. Stevenson's evidence as to his never having had any money in the hotel safe. As to the third, it is now about five months since the letter of credit was lost, and if it had existed, it seems strange to me that no successful attempt has been made to prove it."  
"I felt some sympathy with the accused until I heard his evidence in the box, but any confidence I may have felt in his story was shaken by the letter, admittedly written to himself, by himself in the name of the German consul at Vancouver, stating that his father had arranged for a quarterly allowance of \$5,000 to be paid him. His only explanation is that this was written for fun; very dangerous fun it seems to me. Finding such a letter under such circumstances is like finding a dark lantern and skeleton keys on a man charged with burglary. There is also the dishonored check, which he also says he made out for fun."  
"Taking everything into consideration, and the fact that is story is contradicted on all important respects by other witnesses, I must find the accused guilty, and I sentence him to six months' imprisonment."  
The magistrate may be asked to state a case with a view of appealing to the higher courts.

**WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORT**  
(By Wireless).  
Tatoosh, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.—Clear; wind east, 10 miles; barometer, 30.38; temperature, 30. A three-master barque passed out at 8 a.m.  
Tatoosh, Feb. 1, 2 p.m.—Clear; wind east, 20 miles; barometer, 30.10; temperature, 33.  
Carmanah, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.—Light northeast wind; clear; sea smooth; barometer, 30.16.  
Cape Beale, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.—Light north wind; clear; sea smooth.  
Carmanah, Feb. 1, 1 p.m.—Light east wind; sea smooth; barometer, 30.10.  
Cape Beale, Feb. 1, 1 p.m.—Light southeast wind; clear; sea smooth.

**UMATILLA'S PASSENGERS.**  
Those Who Will Go South on the Steamer This Evening.

The following passengers are booked to leave by the Umatilla this evening for San Francisco: Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, S. Lawrence Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks, F. Stevens.  
The Umatilla will arrive at the outer wharf about 5 o'clock and leave for the south at 7:30 p. m.  
The steamer City of Puebla is expected on Sunday and has 35 tons of general freight for this port.

**REGIMENTAL ORDERS.**  
Information Relative to the Fifth Regiment.

The latest regimental orders promulgated by Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding



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the Fifth Regiment, C. A., is as follows:

The following men being relieved from duty with the band will resume drill with the company, and assume the numbers placed opposite their names: No. 208, Gr. Geo. Anderson will assume No. 10; No. 301, Gr. S. G. Peele will assume No. 26.  
The following man having been duly attested is taken on the strength of the regiment, and will assume the number opposite his name: No. 142, Gr. Bert. A. Liversage, No. 23.

Members of the regiment are reminded that regimental orders will be posted every Saturday as heretofore at the following places, as well as being published in the daily press: John Bros., corner Douglas street and King's road; T. Redding, Catherine street, Victoria West; A. Schroeder, corner Menzies and Michigan streets; Army and Navy cigar store, corner Government and Bastion streets.  
The annual general meeting of the officers' mess will be held in the drill hall on Thursday, February 6th, at 8:30 p.m.  
Dress: Undress uniform.

**Construction on Railroads**  
(Special to the Times).  
Ottawa, Feb. 1.—There will be no lack of work in railway construction this spring. Tenders have been invited by transcontinental roads for an additional one hundred and ninety-five miles to be divided in three contracts in New Brunswick, 52 miles in Quebec, and 175 miles in Ontario.

Percy Purvis, Ganges Harbor, is a guest at the Dominion.  
Mrs. Thomas Gifford, of New Westminster, is staying at the Dominion.

**WHERE IS CENTRAL PARK?**

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**CAPTAIN EXONERATED.**  
Special to the Times.  
Port Townsend, Feb. 1.—When the case against Captain J. L. Fisher, charged with piloting the steamer Rickmers without a license, came up for hearing to-day Captain Fisher produced a pilot's license in court and the case was promptly dismissed by Prosecutor Gangey. The case had been set for hearing four times and was postponed on account of the alternate absence of the complainant witnesses, Capt. Beecher and the defendant, Captain Fisher. Beecher was not present at the trial to-day.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. McGrath, of Port Simpson, stayed a few days at the Dominion on their way to Seattle.

**WHERE IS CENTRAL PARK?**

**DIED.**  
PHILLIPS—In this city, on the 29th inst., at the family residence, 424 View street, Joseph Eve Phillips, aged 58 years, a native of Lincoln, Cornwall, England.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 1908, at 2:30 p. m., and from thence to Ross Bay cemetery.  
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The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of B. C. L. O. O. F. (which includes all Past Masters) are invited to meet at the Odd Fellows Hall on Sunday, 2nd of February, 1908, at 1:45 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, J. B. Phillips, P. G. M. P. G. R. H. FRED DAVEY, Grand Sec'y.

**Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F.**

The officers and members of Dominion Lodge No. 4 I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Douglas St. on Sunday Feb. 2nd, at 1:45 p. m. sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Bro. J. B. Phillips. Members of sister Lodges and Visiting Brothers, are also invited to attend.  
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The officers and patriarchs of Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Douglas street, on Sunday, 2nd February, at 1:45 p. m. sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Past Grand Patriarch, J. E. Phillips. Visiting patriarchs are invited to attend.  
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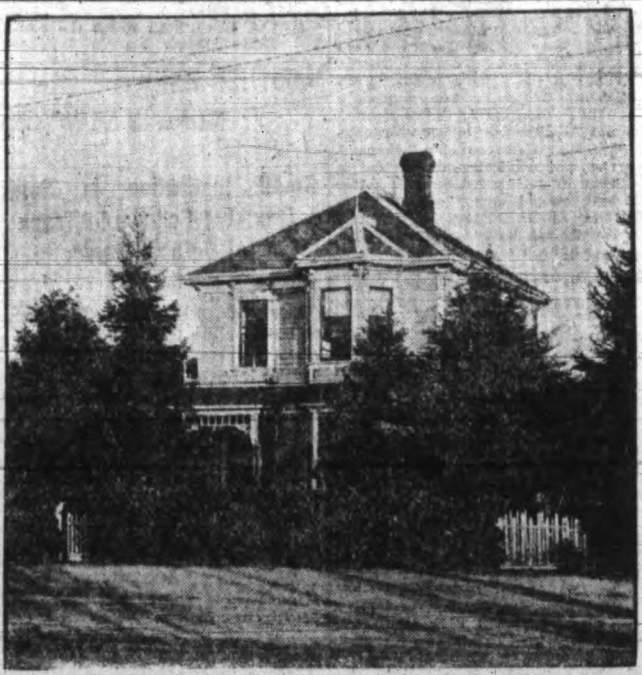
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Billy McGee Heard Wid-a-Spoon.

A young correspondent of the Times heard the great singer on Monday evening and gives the following account of it:

"Aw, Billy! How'd ye like taking moosie Wid-a-Spoon?"

"Get away wid ye! wot ye givin' us?"

"Heard you was at the Victoria tother night and heard Ameriky's greatest basso, old long legs Wid-a-Spoon!"

"So I was, you just bet!"

"Say, Billy, how d'ye work it? Did ye sneak in?"

"Not much! Walked in like any swell. Some guy gives me a blue ticket and says he's here you, want to hear some singing? Here's my ticket. I only want to hear Cube-a-llek and Paddy-whiskers. I don't care about singing. And I takes the blue ticket down to the office and the chap gives me a swell seat up in the balcony, where I sees all the fun."

"Well, how did ye like it, Billy?"

"Oh, it was fine! First, though, it was lots o' fun. Some guy comes on the stage and tells them he's sorry they ain't all got the best seats and the next time there's a concert they'll all have a chance to scramble for the best place, same's they did for Cube-a-llek. Feller wot gets to the box office first, or the feller that can shove the hardest and gets to the window first, gets first chance. Then he says to the feller behind the window, 'Give me number one and two, first row balcony, for me and my best girl,' then the rest of the crowd they hollers, 'Give me them seats, I want 'em, I've been waitin' here more'n an hour for 'em.' Then there's a row. Oh, we're awful polite in Victoria!"

"But the singing, Billy, wot about the singing?"

"Well, I'm coming to that. Soon old Basso comes out and bows his bows to the audience, and Mrs. Basso takes her seat at the piano, and then wot d'ye think? That auctioneer feller up on 'Fort Street' wot I often allsine bills out fer, comes and sets down aside the lady at the piano! Thinks I, he's

pretty bold to come and entertain her right here in sight of all these peoples and I takes a look to see if there's a handle on the machine, but he's only there to turn the moosie for the lady! Just then she strikes some notes on the piano and Widaspoon makes a little bow, as much as to say, 'Look out it's coming,' and then sure enuf, it comes!"

From down below and up above and all around he gathers in them notes and gives 'em put to us in fine style."

"Sings well does he, Billy?"

"You just bet! Sing! I should say so! He stands there wid a little card between his fingers and he just rolls them notes out grander than any gramophone I ever heard! He never loses a word, or hits the wrong note, but straight ahead he goes, with everybody alistenin' to beat the band! Then all of a sudden he stops—'an' before you knows it everybody's clapping and you wish they'd stop, so he could sing again."

"Which song did you like best, Billy?"

"Aw, I dunno. Buy say, you just ort to aheard that one about 'Rattle his bones.' First o' all I thought it was a comic song and just settled down to 'ave a good laugh; and every time he gets to the end o' the verse and sings 'Rattle his bones over the stones, he's only a pau-per whom nobody owns,' I leans aback and roars wid de fun. But pretty soon de toon changes and he sings the chorus different. I don't know how he did it, but like a flash I wanted to cry like some soft ditty, the moosie was so tender like, and then he sang different words to the chorus."

"Rear softly his bones over the stones, he's a pau-per whom yet his Maker will own," and I just didn't want to stop or anything—only I did want him to sing again."

"Say, Billy, how many songs did he sing?"

"You bet! There wasn't no room for anybody else—nobody wanted anyone else. Sing why these ye—the trouble was he didn't sing enuf! I could ha' stayed all night and not got tired. He only sang 21 songs on the programme, but when the crowd 'ud yell 'uncure,'

he'd go at it agen, and onct they made him to do the uncure agen. Oh! it was great! It was a pretty little song about a rose and a heart and I tell you, it made me wish to be good!"

"Wasn't there German and French songs, Billy? How did you get along with them? Did you understand them?"

"O' course I did! It didn't matter whether you knew the language or not for old longshanks Widaspoon just stood there by the piano and in a friendly sort o' way he'd tell you all about the song he was going to sing, and wot the words meant. You just felt as though you were the only bloke in the whole theatre and that he was talking and singin' for your special benefit. I tell you, I just felt like lovin' that man and telling him that he was the best friend I had. German and French, English and Irish, it was all the same to me."

"But Billy, wasn't there any Scotch songs?"

"Scotch? No—oh! yes, I forgot. Just as we were all about ready to go home and everybody kinkin' because the evenin' had gone so soon, though my watch said ten-thirty, Widaspoon comes back on the stage and the lady at the piano, who was Mrs. Widaspoon (an' she could play some!) played some notes I knew so well I started to whistle and everybody clapped and some man says 'a-sh' to me and glared at me like he'd eat me, and then Basso

of the opera is built, and De Wolf Hopper, for whom the piece was expressly written, has ample opportunity for the exploitation of his genius."

"Happyland" is in two acts and two scenes, one of which represents the courtyard of the imperial palace of Elysia and the other the Elysian fields. In supplying Mr. Hopper with a first class vehicle as a successor to "Wang" and "El Capitan," the question of the proper and adequate support was carefully considered. Consequently, the tall comedian finds himself surrounded by a large and finely equipped chorus, among whom are many of the New York Casino girls and a cast comprising such favorites as Marguerite Clark, Ada Deaves, William Wolff, Detmar Poppin, Edmund Lawrence, George Odell and Joseph Phillips.

Grace George, direct from her successful engagements in London, and New York, comes to the Victoria theatre, on Thursday, appearing in Sardou's sparkling comedy "Divorçons."

Miss George will be seen for the first time in this city as Cyrienne, a part that has been played by Rejane, Duse and other well known old world actresses. Both in London and New York Miss George is said to have scored a somewhat unusual success, many claiming that in "Divorçons" she

portant works to his credit and will soon add more. The thoroughness which characterizes him as a pianist is found in his work as a composer, and while he writes the first draft of a work rapidly, the finishing process is always slow and painstaking, for no one is a sterner critic of Paderewski than Paderewski himself.

He has written two concertos for piano and orchestra and one fantasia. His work for the piano alone, large and small, make a very long list and he has written almost a hundred songs. His largest work, so far, was his opera "Manru" which had its first production in Dresden in 1901, and was produced in New York at the Metropolitan Opera House the following spring. The composition of this work occupied his leisure time for five or six years, and that it had not a more enduring success was due to the inadequacy of the libretto, for the music was of very high grade and, in parts, decidedly inspired.

For the past two years Paderewski has occupied himself with a symphony, a work of very large dimensions and he has about finished his second opera. The symphony as soon as it is ready, is to have its first performance by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and it is hoped, during the tenure of Dr. Karl Muck, the conductor. The opera is on the old Hindu theme of "Sakuntala" familiar to the concert-



GRACE GEORGE, WHO WILL BE AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE ON THURSDAY, IN "DIVORCONS."

sings "Annie Laurie." Oh! I cud ha' hugged that man!"

"Happyland."

Lovers of music are looking forward with the most pleasurable anticipation to the offering at the Victoria theatre next Monday night, when the actress of comic opera celebrities, De Wolf Hopper, appears in a new role. It is that of King Eustace, monarch of "Happyland" (Elysia), a mythical realm, wherein happiness reigns supreme for all except the King himself. His troubles are numerous and his tribulations such that he finds the life of a monarch far less endurable than that of his poorest subject. Chief among his worries is the fact that, having bargained to give the hand of his son in marriage to a neighboring potentate, on condition that the latter shall withdraw his army, he has no son to give, his only offspring being a daughter. On this slim but none the less safe and solid foundation the plot

has done the best work of her stage career. Miss George will have in her support a notably strong cast which will include H. Reeves-Smith, whose work has also received very high commendation, William Riccardi, Evelyn Carrington, Douglas Gerrard, Justine Cuthing and an additional list of players that will make the production take on the aspect of an all star cast.

Paderewski, the Composer.

Paderewski, the composer, is almost lost sight of in Paderewski, the virtuoso, yet at one time he all but made up his mind to give up the piano as a profession and devote himself entirely to composition. Had he done so it is a question whether he would not have been as famous as he is, for there is little question that he is one of the few original talents that is writing music to-day.

Since he became a virtuoso he has had comparatively little time for composition yet he has quite a list of im-

posed through Goldmark's beautiful overture of that title. The book of this opera should be all that can be desired for it has been written by the distinguished French poet and dramatist, Catulle Mendès.

In the last year or so, Paderewski has written some smaller works for the piano, some of which he is playing in America. One of them, a set of variations on an original theme, is said to be of unusual interest.

The New Grand.

The following acts will be seen for the last time at the two performances to-night beginning at 7:30 and 9 o'clock at the New Grand. The Musical Hawaiians; Armstrong and Davis, musical comedy stars in "The Amateur Chauffeur"; the Melodite-Lanole Due of tight-rope experts; James R. Waite & Co. in the nautical comedy drama "At Light House Point"; Lauretta Boyd, singing comedienne; Thos. J. Price, in illustrated song; good mov-



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Believed Britain Will Intervene if Annexation Plan Falls Through.

Paris, Jan. 31.—King Leopold of Belgium has had several conferences here with Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon, and, this afternoon he visited President Fallieres at the Elysée palace. The President and the King talked for an hour and it is believed they discussed the Congo Independent States and the preferential rights of France in that territory.

## Intervention in Congo.

Brussels, Jan. 31.—It is believed here that the reference made yesterday by King Edward of England to the Congo Independent States in his speech from the throne at the opening of parliament, foreshadows British intervention in the Congo if the present plans for the annexation of the state to Belgium should fall through.

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### NOW DOWN TO BROAD FARCE.

The company of merry burlesquers to the right of Mr. Speaker in the legislative chamber continues its spirited play to the galleries. Hon. W. J. Bowser, the leading low comedian, took so little interest in the act in which he is the principal actor, that he actually did not understand the purport of the piece when called upon the boards to spout the prologue. He spoke as though the farce contained some reference to the Japanese, whereas it had nothing to do with these interesting specimens of the Oriental race. Now all who have followed the histrionic career of Mr. Bowser know well that his great heart is filled to the bursting point with love of laboring men. The valves of Mr. Bowser's vital organ have had to be specially adjusted to meet the stress put upon them by contemplation of the wrongs inflicted upon white workers by such schemers as M. Gough, operating in connection with Catholic corporations, with which operations, unfortunately, Mr. Bowser has himself been irredeemably compromised. Therefore, when the Attorney-General's attention was called to the fact that he had not read the lines of his broad farce correctly and he realized that there was no reference to Japanese in it, he immediately moved to have the lines amended. If he had not done this, there was a possibility that he might have had an opportunity to enforce his act and to demonstrate practically what virtue there was in it. That would never have done at all. It might have taken the question of Oriental immigration from the field of controversy altogether, and in such a case the laboring man might have forgotten what a sincere friend he had in Lawyer Bowser of expansive sympathies. So he is going to have his farce amended in order that he may be in a position to practically demonstrate his love for the white working man by waving a big stick over the head of the unrepentable Jap.

The public of British Columbia is now thoroughly familiar with the Oriental immigration question in all its phases. The constitution has been quoted and dissected and analyzed until probably everyone who is not a lawyer has a more or less intelligent opinion as to where federal jurisdiction ends and provincial jurisdiction begins. It is quite clear that the elimination of clause f from the second of Mr. Bowser's notorious bills directly challenges federal disallowance. That is why the clause has been struck out in committee. The Attorney-General knows perfectly well that if he attempted to enforce the provisions of his bill his hypocrisy would be completely exposed to all who may still have some faith in his sincerity. The Premier and he believe that their chief stock in trade as public men is in grave danger of annihilation, because they know that as the Japanese government carried out its obligations in good faith until their friends contrived to persuade that government that Oriental labor was in urgent demand in this province, so the government of Japan will faithfully adhere to its agreement with Mr. Lemieux, and that as far as Japan is concerned the Oriental labor question has been satisfactorily settled. The object of these two highly honorable gentlemen is to keep the issue alive, inasmuch as they realize that without it they would themselves be political cadavers.

We ask the public to make careful note of two facts: First, that every public man or public newspaper in the United Kingdom, and every public man and public newspaper in Canada of any influence, commend the Lemieux arrangement with Japan. Second, that

the government of Canada has stated that, given a reasonable trial and providing unsatisfactory, the treaty with Japan, which admittedly stands in the way of the passage of a Natal Act or any measure of a like character, will be denounced and restrictive legislation passed. We ask all reasonable-minded persons in British Columbia, outside of a select few members of the legislature seated to the right of Mr. Speaker, to note the further fact that immigration from the Hawaiian Islands and from Japan has entirely ceased. In view of these facts, in view of the importance which the British government appears to attach to her alliance with Japan (which of course is regarded with scorn and disdain by devoted loyalists like Messrs. Bowser and McBride), in view of the fact that a policy of non-intercourse with Asia would be disastrous to the future of British Columbia and should not be declared except as a last resort in view of all these facts we say the arrangement between Canada and Japan should be given a fair trial, and, further, that it would be an inestimable blessing to the province if the demagogues whose only idea of administration or of government is to fan the fires of sectional, prejudice and race antagonism could be taken up in a strong hand and consigned to some convenient place where their capacity for senseless agitation would be reduced to an "irreducible minimum."

### SOMETHING ABOUT THE NATAL ACT.

The Times has frequently ventured to express its opinion, notwithstanding time-serving politicians to the contrary, that regulations imposed by the Japanese government, reinforced by such laws as would not be an infringement upon treaty rights, would prove more effective in the restriction of immigration than any Natal Act that could be enacted without excluding the population Canada must have if she is going to make such progress as all Canadians anticipate within the present decade. We have heard a great deal about the virtues of the Natal Act—principally from persons who have no knowledge of its effectiveness. But we notice that Premier Botha of the Transvaal, who appears to be a good first to our Mr. Bowser in stirring up trouble for Great Britain, has lately issued a warning to the government of Natal that its Natal Act is not keeping out undesirable immigrants and as the undesirables are flocking over the border into the other South African states Mr. Botha calls upon Natal to substitute some law likely to be more effective than the much-lauded Natal Act. For the benefit of those readers who do not know the history of the Indians in Natal, of whom so much has been heard lately, says the New York Post, it may be noted that the coolies, as they are generally designated in South Africa, (the word "kull" meaning porter), were imported into Natal as far back as 1860 to work on the sugar plantations, as the supply of Kaffir labor was uncertain, and no means existed by which the latter could be compelled to work. The Indians, after they had finished their indentures in the colony (generally for a period of five years), are provided by the Natal government with a free passage back to India. It is optional, however, for them to remain, and if they do so they must pay an annual license of \$15. The coolie will work for a wage that no European can exist upon, and thrive where a European would starve. In Natal he is capturing most of the small retail trade, and undersells the European merchant. There are 100,915 Asiatics in Natal at present. The bulk of them belong to the coolie or porter class, but a certain number, superior in status to the coolie, have pushed their way in Natal as shopkeepers and traders, and one Indian merchant at any rate in Durban boasts his carriage and pair.

### THE CASE OF MR. THAW.

Harry K. Thaw has been declared not guilty of homicide by a jury of his countrymen, if not literally by a jury of his peers. It would probably be an exceedingly difficult thing to gather in the United States a jury of the peers of Mr. Thaw; although there is now almost a multitude of millionaires there. It was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Thaw would never be found guilty of murder in any degree by a United States court, while the very idea of his being led to the electric chair in the prison of Sing Sing was a mere phantom of the brain of some esoteric journalist.

Mr. Thaw, the jury says, was insane when he shot Stanford White to death. Doubtless in a sense Mr. Thaw was crazy upon that tragic occasion. How often is a murderer in a normal mental condition when he commits his criminal offence against society? But Mr. Thaw's relatives and several physicians have testified to their belief in the congenital insanity of the murderer. That evidence doubtless assisted the jury in arriving at their verdict. What effect will it have upon the future of Mr. Thaw? If the criminal were insane from birth his disease would appear to be incurable and logically he must remain in the asylum during the remainder of his days. Does anyone familiar with the history of wealthy criminals in the United States and with the procedure of United States courts in relation to such criminals believe that Mr. Harry K. Thaw will die in prison? It is true the trial court committed Mr. Thaw to an

asylum with astonishing celerity immediately the jury rendered its verdict. We fully expected the verdict, but we anticipated a continuation of the legal wrangle with the present mental state of Mr. Thaw as its basis. Probably Mr. Thaw will be permitted to rest and recuperate from the effects of many weeks of excitement within the walls of an asylum for the insane. But does anyone suppose that his commitment involves his permanent incarceration? Not at all. The fight for his release will soon be renewed, and there will be many medical men, experts in mental diseases, ready to testify that if Mr. Thaw was ever insane, he is in full possession of his faculties now, and the resourceful legal gentlemen will point out the inhumanity of permitting such an interesting, innocent young thing as Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw to pine in grass-wardhood. The world has not read the last word about Harry K. and Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw.

Candid Conservatives in the East do not attempt to conceal their belief that the party is in a bad way and has no prospects of success. They blame this condition of affairs upon the incapacity of their leaders. Of course there must be a scape-goat. This is the Canadian Courier's opinion: It is not that the Conservative "front bench" at Ottawa is over-crowded with talent. They could use another good leader or two there very nicely. At present, it is only the simple truth that a good look at their leaders in the Commons is enough to put the fighting Conservatives in the country into "the doleful dumps" for a blue moon. Borden would be a great man before the Supreme court—or on it—but when it comes to breaking a path through the robust snobs of a wintry political situation, he is too much afraid of getting his feet wet. Foster stamps around vigorously enough; but he is forever landing on somebody's toes and then the country has become Foster-hardened from listening to the gospel of settled pessimism. These two men—be it observed—are the leaders from Ontario; though both are products of the Maritime Provinces. When we turn to Quebec, Monk is a French-Canadian leader with an English name and an English manner; and Herbert Ames is a man of splendid intentions and great industry, coupled with the magnetism of an icicle.

## What Other People Think

### A NOTE FROM MR. KUMAR.

To the Editor: I request you to publish a few lines in your valuable paper to the effect that the Communist has published two notes against me on the 29th and 30th ultimo, whereas I gave the editor one letter in reply to print on Thursday, the 28th, and I saw him personally yesterday, but he is silent and has not published anything what I have to say in reply. This shows the unfairness on the part of the Communist, and hence I approach you to publish this letter of mine so that the public of Victoria may know the facts. Thanking you in anticipation.  
G. D. KUMAR.

### TO ARMR. LADIES:

To the Editor: If Messrs. McBride, Davey, Thomson and Bahnsen want to find out what the indignation and scorn of the women of this city amounts to when thoroughly aroused, they have only to go ahead and push through the Legislature the bill disfranchising the women of this city which is now before that body. It is true that the women cannot as yet vote at a local election, but Lord help the men who have to run an election in this or any other city if the women are practically a unit against him. The bill now before the Legislature will disfranchise 50 per cent of the women voters of the city. It represents the sentiments of our friend Sorby and the half dozen individuals who call themselves the Property Owners' Association, and their right in the taking of a resolution passed by the present city council, our "progressive" city council, be it remembered—with but one dissenting voice, asking for a full measure of adult suffrage. Can anyone tell us why this half dozen anti-que should frame the laws to govern all the rest of us? It is too late in the day to argue that property gives special privileges or that the rights of citizenship depend upon the payment of taxes. These are exploded theories which sensible people abandoned when they gave up the belief in witches and other superstitious ideas of the dark ages. Without discussing the nature of the matter further just now, however, let me say that the women are "on to" this attempt to disfranchise them and are taking steps to make their wishes known regarding it in a way that the members of the Legislature cannot mistake. Their motto regarding this matter is: "What we have we'll hold." The members from this city would do well to make haste slowly in passing this bill, otherwise they may have cause to realize that "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

Two Norwegian climbers have created a new mountaineering record in the Himalayas. They attained a height of 23,560 ft.

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## Monday Starts Our February Furniture and House Furnishing Sale With Exceptional Bargains

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY the furniture and housefurnishing department will be a busy place. Values which give every Home Furnisher an opportunity to furnish cheaply compared with what you will pay for the same article in the ordinary way, will make it so. In this sale we have brought prices down to exceptional lowness, but we wish to emphasize the fact that when making these low prices quality is not forgotten, and you will find by coming here that many pieces of High Grade Furniture are to be had very cheap. The February Sale of House Furnishing is growing in importance every year, the stocks are getting larger and more complete and as a result a larger list for our February sale.

This year we are featuring the Carpets and Curtains to a greater extent than ever before.

### Bargains in Diningroom Tables

EXTENSION TABLE, made of surfaced oak, 8 feet long by 45 inches wide, with round ends. Regular value \$15.00. February Sale ..... \$12.00  
EXTENSION TABLE, in solid quartered oak, 8 feet x 42 inches wide, square ends. Regular value, \$27.50. February Sale ..... \$22.00  
EXTENSION TABLE, very heavily built with handsome fluted legs, square ends 10 feet long, 42 inches wide. Regular value, \$27.50. February Sale price ..... \$22.00  
EXTENSION TABLE, very massive design, 8 feet x 4 feet 2 inches wide, in solid quartered oak, supported by heavy turned and carved legs. Regular value, \$42.00. February Sale ..... \$33.00

### Special Values in Sideboards

SIDEBOARD, made of golden elm, 48 inches long, straight front, scroll pillars, back contains British Bevel plate mirror, 24 x 16 inches. Regular value, \$22.00. February Sale ..... \$17.50  
SIDEBOARD, made of elm, 4 feet long, with British Bevel plate mirror back, size 14 inch regular value, \$18.00. February Sale ..... \$14.25  
SIDEBOARDS, made of ash with shaped top, 48 inches long, British Bevel plate mirror at back, size 25 x 45. Regular value, \$20. February Sale ..... \$16.00  
SIDEBOARDS, made of solid quartered oak, 52 inches long, with shaped draw fronts, shaped pillars to back, British Bevel plate mirror in back, size 25 x 20. Regular value, \$40.00. February Sale ..... \$32.00

### Some Exceptional Values in Fine Bedroom Furnishings

The values which we are offering in bedroom furniture in our FEBRUARY SALE is unprecedented and it is safe to say that at the prices they are marked they will clear out quickly.

DRESSING TABLE made of Bird's Eye Maple with shaped front and British bevelled plate mirror, size 18 x 24 inches. Regular value \$21.00. February Sale ..... \$16.75  
PRINCESS BUREAU made of Oak, golden finish, with British Bevel Plate Mirror, size 24 x 36 inches. Regular value \$25.00. February Sale ..... \$20.00  
BUREAU made of solid Quartered Oak, with bow shaped front, two large and two short drawers, shaped British Plate Mirror, size 29 x 23. Regular value, \$31.00. February Sale ..... \$24.75

PRINCESS DRESSING BUREAU made of Bird's Eye Maple with two short and one long drawer, shaped front, bevelled plate mirror, size 18 1/2 x 32 1/2 inches. Regular value \$27.50. February Sale ..... \$22.00

BUREAU AND WASHSTAND made of solid Quartered Oak with serpentine shaped front, bureau has two long drawers and two short ones, shaped British Bevel Shaped Mirror, size 19 x 23. Regular value \$45.00. February Sale Price Per Pair ..... \$36.00

### Sensational Bargains in China Closets

CHINA CABINET, made of solid golden oak with rounded glass ends, mirror back with bevel mirror top, size of cabinet, 6 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in. wide. Regular value, \$28.00. February Sale ..... \$22.00  
CHINA CABINET, with bow crystal glass door, and rounded glass ends, mirror back contains four grooved shelves, size of cabinet 3 ft. 6 inches wide by 6 ft. high. Regular value, \$50.00. February Sale ..... \$40.00  
CHINA CABINET, containing mirror plate back and 4 grooved shelves rounded glass ends and bevel mirror at top, size of Cabinet 6 ft. high by 3 ft. wide. Regular value, \$35.00. February Sale ..... \$28.00

### Splendid Bargains in Brass Bedsteads

CANADIAN BEDSTEADS, 4 ft. 6 in., massively built, brass-cased tubing. Regular value, \$85.00. February Sale ..... \$67.50  
CANADIAN BEDSTEADS, 4 ft. 6 in., best finish. Regular value, \$70.00. February Sale ..... \$56.00  
CANADIAN BEDSTEADS, 4 ft. 6 in., best finish, lighter build. Regular value, \$40.00. February Sale ..... \$32.00  
CANADIAN BEDSTEADS, 3 ft. 6 in. Regular value, \$40.00. February Sale ..... \$32.00  
CANADIAN BEDSTEADS, 3 ft. 6 in. Regular value, \$35.00. February Sale ..... \$28.00

### Splendid Bargains in the Carpet Department

During the month of February we are making it worth your while buying your carpets here, as the bargains we are offering are the best and most important we have ever given at any sale.

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AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS, size 27 x 54. Regular price, \$2.50. February Sale price ..... \$2.00  
AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS, size 36 x 63. Regular price, \$4.00 and \$4.00. February Sale price ..... \$3.25 and \$3.60  
WILTON RUGS, size 18 x 36. Regular price, \$3.75. February Sale price ..... \$3.00  
WILTON RUGS, size 27 x 54 inches. Regular price, \$5.75. February Sale price ..... \$4.50  
WILTON RUGS, size 36 x 63. Regular price, \$7.75. February Sale price ..... \$6.10  
SMYRNA RUGS, size 30 x 60. Regular price, \$4.00. February Sale price ..... \$3.20  
SMYRNA RUGS, size 37 x 72. Regular price, \$5.00. February Sale price ..... \$4.00

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EXTRA HEAVY SHEETING, plain, 9-4 for 42 1/2c, 9-4 for 47 1/2c, 10-4 for 49c. Twill same prices.  
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UNBLEACHED SHEETING, plain and twilled, 7-4 for 21c, 9-4 for 26 1/2c, 9-4 for ..... 25c.  
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## Local News

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—The Sanitary Feather Works, formerly at the corner of Fort and Blanchard streets, are now located in their new factory, 1185 North Park street. Phone 392.

—Sidney J. Graham, of Trout Lake, B. C., has been granted a Canadian patent for a nut lock, through the agency of Marion & Marlon, patent attorneys, of Montreal.

—The usual Sunday evening service in the auditorium of the W. C. T. U. has been withdrawn this week on account of the lecture by Miss Marcourt-F. R. G. S. in the New Grand theatre at 8:15 p. m.

—At the Y. M. C. A. Men's meeting to-morrow at 8 o'clock Rev. H. Magee, of Toronto, will speak on "Local Option in B. C." Mr. Magee is a splendid speaker and knows his subject well. Mrs. D. C. Reid will sing.

—Mr. W. W. Suttie is commencing a Pittman shorthand class in the Y. M. C. A. Monday night at 8 o'clock. All interested should make point of attending. Mr. Suttie and the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. on or before Monday evening.

—At St. Joseph's hospital yesterday the death occurred of the infant son of Nelson Lacroix, of the Cobble Hill hotel. The remains are being forwarded this afternoon for interment at Cobble Hill church yard by W. B. Smith, undertaker, Yates street.

—To-morrow evening at 8:15 Miss Ada L. A. Murcutt will lecture on "National Righteousness" at the New Grand theatre. Members of church choirs are invited to assist in the song service led by A. J. Brace. Those having Torrey Alexander books are requested to bring them.

—The skating is good at Colwood and the pond at the park is also being used for that purpose. Yesterday a launch load of people went across to Colwood and walked up to the lake. Large numbers of people took the morning train this morning and are spending the day on the ice.

—In the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow the preacher for the evening will be the Rev. H. S. Magee, secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform. Mr. Magee is a well-known evangelist of the Toronto conference, who attracted large numbers night after night by his brilliant and pleasing presentation of the truth. In addition to the musical service by the choir, Hugh Kennedy will render a selection.

—On Monday night at the city council, the business will be largely of a routine nature. Alderman Gleason has in motion on the notice board to instruct the sanitary inspector to enforce clauses 42, 44, 45 and 46 of the health by-law. These clauses deal with the cleaning up of yards and stables, and the throwing of offensive material on the street or into the harbor or sea. Alderman Henderson's local improvement bill will be advanced. The other business will be such as may arise out of communications to the council.

—A concert in aid of the funds of the Y. M. C. A. football club will be held in the First Presbyterian church schoolroom on Wednesday evening, the 12th February. The concert will be under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir, under the direction of J. G. Brown, which is a guarantee of the merit of the entertainment. Tickets are now in the hands of the members of the choir, members of the senior and intermediate football teams of the Y. M. C. A., and other members of the Y. M. C. A., and it is hoped that a generous support will be given to this affair, in order that the expenses of the team may be covered. Further particulars will be published later.

—A few intimate friends of Louis Beckwith surprised him at his home on Smith's Hill last evening, where they celebrated his birthday. The unexpected guests were made very welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, and a most enjoyable informal evening was spent. At a late hour before leaving refreshments were served, provided by the young ladies. The following were present: Misses Violet, Olga and Nettie Wilson, Clara Adams, Bertha, K. and B. Coates, Featherstone, and Muriel, Marjorie and Miss Beckwith; Messrs. Fred and A. Middleton, E. and Ern Crompton, W. Gibson, Harold Beckwith, and R. and L. Beckwith.

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## WHERE IS CENTRAL PARK?

—January sale—Striped flannellet, 30 inches wide, in good washing colors. Regular 12½. Sale price 8½c. 12 yards for \$1. Robinson's Cash Store, 88 Yates street.

—A permit was granted this morning to A. and S. Johns to erect a small frame dwelling on Burnside road to cost \$1,250.

—C. E. Faulkner, the assistant master of the University school, has received the appointment of choirmaster at Christ Church cathedral. It is expected Mr. Faulkner will take up his duties at once and will attend the choir rehearsal next Tuesday evening.

—The provincial police at Active Pass, have notified Mr. M. Galbraith, Dominion fishery inspector, that Japanese in that neighborhood are catching grise under three pounds in large quantities. The inspector at Duncan has been ordered to proceed to the scene of this illegal fishing, with his launch, and arrest any one found violating the fishery acts.

## WHERE IS CENTRAL PARK?

—The Metropolitan orchestra, assisted by members of the Metropolitan church Epworth League will give a concert this evening in the W. C. T. U. mission. A good programme will be given and men and women are asked to spend a few leisure hours and be delighted with this week's concert. Admission is free and everyone to the city are especially invited. The concert commences at 8 o'clock.

—An active canvas is being made on behalf of the settlers, affected by Mr. Haysworth's bill now before the legislature. This morning a deputation waited on the government with reference to their claims, and had a conference with opposition members on the same subject. It is said that if the bill passes about one thousand settlers, who were debarred by technicalities, and other reasons, from the privileges of "Big Settlers' Rights Act," will be brought within its advantages.

—Final arrangements for the music for the fancy dress ball at the Empress hotel, have been completed, the committee having secured an orchestra of 12 of the best musicians in the city, and the musical programme which is now in course of preparation will be one of the finest ever heard in British Columbia. The ball programme which will be something new to Victorians, is already being prepared, and is a very dainty and attractive piece of work. Although being unique in design, it is all that art and good taste can suggest, the paper and pencils to be used, having been imported specially for the occasion. The sale of tickets up-to-date has been very large and mail orders are already beginning to come in from outside points, press notices having appeared in several of the Sound papers as far south as Portland, where interest in the big event is evidently being aroused. Tickets are now on sale at Fletcher Bros., Mrs. Anson's, M. W. Waitt & Co's, C. E. Redfern's, the J. M. Whitney Co., and Challenor & Mitchell.

## WILL GIVE A RECITAL.

Frank Armstrong, the Violinist, Assisted by Other Talent, Will Appear in Concert.

Frank Armstrong, who has recently returned from Europe, upon the completion of a four years' course in the Leipzig Conservatory of Music under Hans Becker, one of the greatest violin masters of the present day, and who has been so enthusiastically received in his first appearances here on the concert platform, will give a recital in the Institute hall, View street, on Tuesday, February 11th, assisted by Mrs. Hermann Robertson, the Misses Lugin and Arthur Gore.

The ability of all being known, to music-lovers here, this concert promises to be one of the foremost musical events of the season. Mr. Armstrong is a Victorian and deeply interested in the welfare of this beautiful city and despite many temptations offers to remain in the larger centres of the east, has decided to remain in Victoria and aid in the splendid effort being made here to have only the best in music in everything else. He has recently appeared very successfully in several concerts in the maritime provinces and has been very highly spoken of by the press as a violinist of the first rank. Tickets will be on sale for this, his first recital in this city, at Waitt's music store.

## FINED FOR FISHING In VICTORIA ARM

Men Were Convicted in Police Court and Punished for Illegal Acts.

Marco Collety and Jerry Kandor were up before Magistrate Jay, in the police court this morning. They appeared on a charge made by W. M. Galbraith, Dominion government fishing inspector, for using a seine net in the Victoria Arm.

J. P. Wall appeared on behalf of Collety, who pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Wall in pleading for his client wished His Honor to be as lenient as it was possible to be, and if possible not to confiscate the boat and nets of the accused, as these were his only means of livelihood.

Mr. Galbraith informed His Honor that Collety was an old violator of the fishing acts, and had had experience with the accused in the years 1904 and 1905, when he had used illegal means in the Esquimalt lagoon. Collety had been fishing with seines in the Victoria Arm on several occasions lately, and the prosecutor had watched for him and succeeded in catching him in the act last Sunday night. Mr. Galbraith told His Honor he did not wish to work too severe a hardship on the man, and would not demand the full penalty of the law, but at the same time he would like the accused to be fined about \$60, with the costs of the court, and the charge of holding after the boat since it was seized. Mr. Galbraith said Collety had made \$50 or \$40 as the result of one night's haul.

In regard to Kandor, the other man in the charge, he said he had been hired by Collety, and it was his first offence, so he suggested he pay the costs and be let off at that.

The magistrate fined Collety \$50 and costs, and Kandor he let go with costs. But at the same time he warned both of them, on their appearance again on a similar charge, he would be much severer with them.

## UNIVERSITY BILL UNDER EXAMINATION

A Great Deal of Interest Is Being Taken in the Measure.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the city in the University bill lately introduced into the legislature by Dr. Young, the minister of education. It is understood that the minister has sent his bill to the various important universities for criticism and has taken the best points that he can get from each. The most important feature, and one that it is thought will be a great improvement on anything heretofore established, is the fact that the senate and the board of governors are two distinct bodies, the former having to do only with educational matters while the latter has charge of the finances of the institution and everything which has to do with that.

A great deal depends on the appointment of good officers at the outset, as the success or failure of the whole scheme almost wholly depends on them. In Alberta the first chancellor or chairman of the board of governors was Chief Justice Wainwright of the supreme court of that province. The appointment gave general satisfaction there and has been eminently successful.

It augurs well for the beginning of the university that the people are so much interested in it, and doubtless it will be a success. During the first few years it is expected to be simply an examining body which will have the power of conferring degrees, but its scope will be gradually extended.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

There Was a Good Attendance at the "At Home" Last Night.

The Victoria Council, No. 1256, Knights of Columbus, were "at home" to a large number of friends at the Institute Hall on Thursday evening last. This was the first entertainment given by the Victoria council since its inauguration, and the affair was a great success in every way, over 300 being present.

The first part of the evening was devoted to progressive whist, fully 250 taking part in the game, at the conclusion of which handsome prizes were distributed to the lady and gentleman winners. A delightful musical programme followed, in which were included vocal selections by Miss Nyland, Miss Glen Switzer and F. J. Sehl, violin solos by Prof. Claudio and piano selections by Benedict Bunt, all of which were delightfully rendered.

Rev. Father Caine when called upon for a few words had much pleasure in extending to "at present" on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, a very hearty welcome. It was very gratifying to see such a large gathering at the first entertainment undertaken by the Victoria council since its inauguration, and he hoped that future entertainments provided by the Knights would be as successful and as well patronized, and concluded his remarks with a few of his humorous stories of his work in Australia.

Refreshments having been served, the floor was cleared for dancing, in which a large number participated until the early hours of the morning.

WHERE IS CENTRAL PARK?

## LACK OF ACCOMMODATION IN CITY SCHOOLS

Trustee Board Had Subject Up for Discussion at Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the board of school trustees was held yesterday afternoon, and further consideration was given to the estimates of expenditure. The ordinary expenditures which came up for discussion on Thursday at the last meeting were altered in one particular and the increase of \$15,000 over last year was reduced to \$14,000. This difference was effected by taking \$1,000 from the teachers' salaries and leaving the estimates for salaries at \$73,300. The total estimate of expenditure now stands at \$37,000.

At the last meeting Chairman Jay suggested a new High school as the best way to relieve the present congestion, and the special meeting gave some consideration to the chairman's suggestion. Chairman Jay again broached his subject and said that he thought \$100,000 should be asked for new buildings.

The members of the board were not unanimous in their decision. Trustee McNeill objected on the ground that this amount was too much to ask for this year seeing that the estimates were already \$14,000 over last year's. The university and normal school questions are not yet decided and he thought the present accommodation in the High school was sufficient to tide them over until something definite was decided upon. Trustee McNeill claimed that public schools should be provided, first and that a smaller amount, \$25,000 or \$75,000 would be quite ample. He asked to have his objection recorded, provided any amount raised were used for a new High school. He pointed out the necessity of increased accommodation in the northeastern part of the city which is rapidly growing.

Several members of the board favored the new High school proposition and were not adverse to raising the amount moved by Chairman Jay. It was finally decided to let the matter stand over, and at a later meeting it will be decided whether the money, if granted, be used for public or High school purposes. It was decided to recommend to the city council the raising of \$4,500 for increased accommodation at the Klingsdon street school, which it is proposed to add two more rooms and the raising of \$2,000 for two portable schools.

When the High school question comes up next time the present attendance at the High and public schools will be presented before the board.

## MANY DRUNKS.

Police Record For the Month Shows a Large Number Were Handled.

The following summary of the police work during the past month shows as usual that a very large percentage of the crime and even of the minor offences is due to drink. For two months in the autumn every criminal case before the magistrate was directly traceable to the effect of intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages. Besides this the majority if not all of those who were detained for safe keeping got into the police station from the same cause. The following is the list of cases for the month:

Drunks, 45; infraction of the city by-laws, 3; assault, 8; vagrancy, 8; stealing, 3; inmate of bawdy house, 1; infraction of shipping act, 1; obtaining money under false pretences, 1; infraction of bicycle by-law, 3; possession of intoxicants, 1; infraction of by-law, 4; insulting language, 1; defamatory libel, 1; infraction of public morality by-law, 1; breaking and entering, 2; indecent exposure, 1; obstructing sheriff in execution of his duty, 1; on premises unlawfully, 1; Those in for safe keeping, but not charged totaled 78 for the month. The number of runs of the patrol wagon were 51. One inmate of the cells was sent to the asylum.

## RETIRE FROM CHOR.

J. S. Floyd Has Severed His Connection With Cathedral Choir.

To-morrow will be the last Sunday in which J. S. Floyd will have charge of the Christ Church Cathedral choir. A few weeks ago he tendered his resignation on account of the press of work in connection with Oak Bay municipality and other interests. He found that it was impossible to attend properly to all his duties and not have even Sunday for rest.

Mr. Floyd has been in charge of the Christ church choir for the past five years, and during that time had done much service. It only needs a visit to the church on any Sunday to find that the choir must have been under capable management. He will be succeeded, it is said, by C. E. Falkner, B. A. of the University school.

When sought regarding the matter, Mr. Floyd expressed great regret at being obliged to give up the work. He has had charge of choirs in this city for the past seventeen years, most of the time at St. Barnabas and St. John, and has been taking part in choir work for over thirty years, both in the old country and here.

## COURTS SIT TUESDAY.

Both Supreme Court and Admiralty Court Have Cases Before Them.

Two cases are set for the supreme sittings which commence on Tuesday of next week. They are Wilson vs. Ward, and Bridgman et al. vs. the B. C. Drainage and Drying Company et al. Harold Robertson will appear for the plaintiff in the latter case, with Pooley, Luxton and Pooley and J. W. Taylor for the defendants, and in the former case Pooley, Luxton & Pooley for the plaintiff and Hon. P. J. Pulten for the defendant.

On the same day before the admiralty court Mr. Justice Martin will open the case concerning the seizure of the sailing schooner Carlotta Cox. This boat was seized by the United States revenue cutter Wash on the charge of sealing after the season had closed within the forbidden area about 120 miles from Sitka.

John Mastell appeared before Magistrate Jay this morning on a charge of drunkenness and vagrancy. He had been up several times of late on same charge. A month in jail was the sentence imposed.

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## GOLF MATCHES FOR

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Play in the Series Will Begin at Once—Drawings for Events.

The Victoria golf players will enter at once upon the series of matches for the Calcutta cup. The first round is to be played off before February 17th, so that in order to complete it in time playing will likely begin at once. The drawing for the handicap matches, which are singles, are as follows:

Matches—G. R. Talbot plays P. Criddie, W. H. Langley plays A. T. Goward, T. R. Fletcher plays E. V. Bodwell, F. M. Reade plays C. H. Cookson, C. W. Gamble plays D. K. Irvine, D. L. Gillespie plays H. R. Burroughes, F. G. Fulton plays J. A. Lindsay, H. D. Twigg plays J. W. Ambury, W. P. D. Pemberton plays R. H. Pooley, F. C. Gamble plays J. P. Babcock, H. A. Bromley plays Stuart Gordon, R. H. Swinerton plays B. Wilson.

Byes—J. C. Barnard plays A. S. Robertson, G. H. Barnard plays I. A. E. Irving.

The sheet and pillow slip masked skate, was a big success on Thursday last. The rink was crowded, and a large number of ghostly looking skaters were on the floor, while a large crowd of spectators were in the balcony. At 9 p. m. the grand march took place and the prizes were awarded. The following is a list of winners: First prize, Mrs. Homer; second, Henry McGregor and Miss Price. A champion solo polo tournament will be held at the rink on Monday and Tuesday evening, Victoria playing Vancouver. This is a very exciting game, and should draw a big crowd. A practice solo-polo will take place this evening. The usual Saturday night session will also be put on from 10 to 12 to-night.

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## Among Hunters and Fishermen

Ducks are still said to be scarce, although some have been killed on the Cowichan flats. A party of sportsmen are gone up to-day to try their luck at the same place. It is not unlikely they may get their fingers cold, but it is as long as they do not get cold feet.

The brand seem to have become very scarce. About thirty were brought down from Sidney spit during the week, but this seems to be the only place where they can be killed. These are killed for commercial purposes.

#### To Sell Game.

It is rumored that a movement is on foot to again allow the sale of game. Much reliance cannot be placed in the rumor as most of the sportsmen in the province are opposed to it. A big corporation is said to be behind the movement.

#### Hungarian Partridges.

Vancouver intends to import another lot of Hungarian partridges into British Columbia. There is in Vancouver a remnant of a fund amounting to about \$150 in the hands of F. M. Chalmers. This with a few dollars added is thought will bring out sufficient to allow a change of blood.

#### Licenses and Importation.

The writer of the Rod and Gun column in the News-Advertiser is advocating two things. The government importation of game birds and the imposition of a gun license. These two seem to be contingent on one another. Sportsmen say they cannot expect the government to do much for them until they are willing to pay for their sport. There is, however, a feeling that Vancouver Island is very much neglected by the provincial government. It is said to be the fault of the game warden, Bryan Williams, who never makes any recommendations with regard to protection of the game on this island. He is said to claim that all the licenses to hunt are issued for places on the mainland, and therefore the money is spent there. If this is the case it means that those who hunt elk and deer on Vancouver Island do so without a license which shows great negligence on the part of the warden.

#### Ovis Dall.

A few days ago the B. C. Fur Manufacturing Company of this city, received a consignment of heads of the white mountain sheep, Ovis Dall, which are to be dressed for Mr. Egerton. There are about half a dozen of them in the collection, which was the result of last year's hunt.

#### Black Game.

An Englishman who was on Maline Island last September, and who is sufficiently familiar with game birds not to be mistaken, says that he saw four black game on the island while he was there. The birds were turned down on Saturnia Island and it seems as if they had crossed to the other neighboring islands.

#### Cougar.

Cougar or panther as they are often called, sometimes become very daring when they are hungry. Recently a paper will remember reading of one being shot at North Saanich a short time ago when raiding a pig pen. Mr. Ferguson, of Lillooet, who is now in the city, tells of being awakened at night by a noise just outside his tent. As he opened the flap of the tent he saw a big panther bound out

of a little fly tent that was erected just alongside their sleeping quarters and where the cooking was done. In the morning it was found that the big cat had been looking the cooking utensils, when disturbed by the man awaking.

There is a fine old cougar in Stanley park at Vancouver. It is a pity that the parks board in this city cannot get one to put in Beacon Hill park near the lynx cage.

#### A High Bounty.

It seems to have escaped general attention, that the bounty on panthers and coyotes had already been raised to \$15 by the provincial government. This should surely be an inducement to sportsmen or trappers to get out and kill some of them. Had the bounty been effective at the beginning of the season it would have meant a little fortune to Horace Smith of Comox, who, with the help of his famous dog, has killed a large number of the cougars during the past year.

#### Hunting Coyotes.

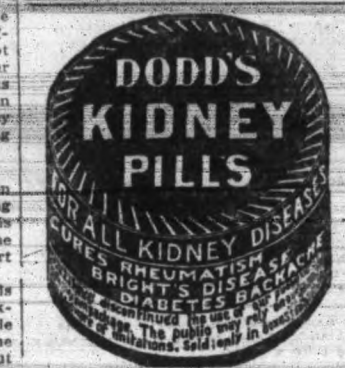
"Just about two years ago," said Mr. Ferguson, "I was out for a ramble in the Lillooet country near Bridge river. The river was frozen over, but there was not much snow. Suddenly a pack of coyotes passed me, just a short distance away, hot on the trail of a deer. They were running low and were so intent on their work that they did not notice me. Noticing that they were working around somewhat to the left I ran as fast as I could to try to cut them off. As I emerged on the bank of the river I was just in time to see them bear down the bank they had been chasing. At once they began to tear at his shoulder and in a few minutes there would have been little left of the quarry, so I raised my rifle and fired. "I did not kill one of the coyotes but I frightened them away, and then I hurried back to camp to get some poison. Taking a little-vial of strychnine, I inserted some in different parts of the carcass and then went home. That dose killed about fifteen of the hungry creatures. All got a short distance away, some nearly a quarter of a mile. It was an effective dose."

#### Wolverine Killed.

A day or two ago some Indians at Saanich shot a wolverine when it was swimming across the inlet from the Malahat side. It is a good specimen and has been presented to the museum.

#### Grillie Running.

Anyone wishing to catch some grillie



can do so now in Saanich Arm. Some Indian boys a day or two ago caught a large number. One got thirty, another sixteen and several others have caught some. R. Large, of this city, was out on Tuesday and Wednesday. The first day all he caught was two cod, but on Wednesday he landed eleven fine two-pound grills. This week end a number are going out to try their luck. The best place for the fishing is said to be just opposite the road from Saanich to Mount Newton. Farther up the inlet the fishing is not as good yet.

#### Dog Fish Again.

Some of those who have been up the Saanich Inlet lately report the dog fish there is immense shoals. The water is simply alive with them. They are so tame that they can be speared with a boathook.

#### Lakes Full of Fish.

Gun Creek lake is an ice-cold piece of water six miles long and from one and a half to two miles wide in the Lillooet country. It is fed by a glacial stream and is several thousand feet above the sea level. There are two or three varieties of trout, rainbow being one of them. There are so numerous that the lake seems to be alive with them. Fine char may also be caught there from ten to twenty pounds in weight. On the opposite side of Bridge river is a smaller lake only about half a mile long and this too is just alive with rainbow trout, not big but very numerous. When the water in the lake was pretty well fished out, but since then the fish have very much increased in size.

#### British Importing.

The committee of the British Sea Anglers' Society have under consideration a proposal to introduce the American striped bass to the waters of the English coast, and providing their report is favorable, a number will probably be turned down at Hastings, Weymouth, Teignmouth, or similar suitable resort.

American anglers have promised their assistance in the matter of securing the fish, and one of the great steamship lines has generously offered to give free transit to the fish and an attendant should it be decided to bring over the striped bass. Mr. R. B. Macdonald has also promised to inaugurate a fund to defray any expense incurred.

The American striped bass is highly spoken of as a sporting fish, and it attains a large size, but it is also stated to be a rather fierce and predatory fish, and at home spawns in the rivers—habits which have caused some objection to be raised to its being turned down in English waters.

Many anglers, however, seem to favor its introduction, and the verdict of the British Sea Anglers' Society, which is making the fullest inquiries concerning the life history of the fish, is awaited with considerable interest in piscatorial circles.

#### Caught By Nose.

The following fish yarn comes from Westernport, the place where the cheap watches and clocks are made: Harold Marks, 13 years old, broke through the ice at Kent into six feet of water. He turned completely over, so his legs protruded, and James Barton, 12 years old, tugged with might and main to pull him out, pulling off a skate in the endeavor.

James Martin, a farm hand, ran out upon the ice to save him, and it broke, and he and Harry Knapp were thrown into the water.

It was discovered that a fish had the Marks boy by the nose, which kept him from trying to save himself.

All the party were finally saved by farmers. They caught and killed the fish, a six-pound carp.

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## AUSTRALIA WON THIRD TEST EASY VICTORY OVER ENGLAND AT CRICKET

M. C. C. Batting Record Broke Down—Temperature in Sun 151.9.

England was defeated in the third test match against Australia, played at Adelaide, by 183 runs. The visiting batsmen completely collapsed in the final innings, many of the players suffering extremely from the intense heat. The match was opened with the Australian team batting. The wicket was good but they failed to do as much as was expected, only totalling 285 runs. England opened in promising fashion, running up 259 for a loss of five wickets, the lack of a fast bowler on the attack being badly felt. A hot set in later and the side went out for 362.

Australia's second venture proved much better, totalling 504, of which 111 had 160 and Hartigan 116.

England on going in for the second time wanted 429 to win, but at the end of the afternoon play had lost five wickets for 138, and their chance looked hopeless. Next morning disposed of the remainder of the team, all being out for 153. The temperature in the sun was 151.9, and the Englishmen could not stand up to it.

The committee from all the clubs in the Vancouver Island Football Association have at last decided on the men who are to play in the test match from which the players for the All-Island team will be chosen to play against the All-Mainland. Letters were sent out last Monday to the different members of the committee by the secretary, asking each to choose what he considered two representative teams from the whole league. When these lists came in they were compared and each name was taken separately and the number of times chosen marked against it. The players who received the largest number of votes were chosen.

It will be noticed that a large number of players are chosen from the Nanaimo team but that team is generally acknowledged to be the best in the league, so that in spite of the fact that the majority of the committee were from this city it shows that they were sufficiently fair-minded to recognize worth even in an enemy's camp.

In order that the committee might be strictly representative, President Brown withdrew and allowed Goddard, of the Esquimaux United to take his place. As Duffy and Shanks tied for the position of right-half on the A team, a second ballot is being taken to decide which of these two men are to play. The following is the list of players chosen:

A Team.  
 Bradshaw (Nanaimo) Goal  
 Hewitt (Nanaimo) F. R. F.  
 Loraine (J. B. A.) F. R. F.  
 Duffy or Shanks R. H. B.  
 Johnstone (Y. M. C. A.) C. H. B.  
 Harley (Nanaimo) L. H. B.  
 Blundell (Nanaimo) O. R. F.  
 Grainger (Ladysmith) J. R. F.  
 Adams (Ladysmith) Centre  
 Graham (Ladysmith) I. L. F.  
 Williams (Esq. United) O. L. F.

#### B. Team.

Dunn (Esq. United) F. R. F.  
 Dunn (Esq. United) R. F. F.  
 Struthers (Y. M. C. A.) F. R. F.  
 Farmer (Nanaimo) R. H. B.  
 McKinley (Ladysmith) C. H. B.  
 Thackeray (Y. M. C. A.) L. H. B.  
 Thifford (Esq. United) O. R. F.  
 Johnnie (Nanaimo) Centre  
 Cruikshanks (Nanaimo) I. L. F.  
 Thomas (Esq. United) O. L. F.  
 Peters (Nanaimo) O. L. F.

#### BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT'S GAMES.

Basketball enthusiasts should attend in large numbers the important senior games booked for the drill hall this evening. There are two games to be played, both in the senior league, which means that four of the five teams will be seen in competitive play, and a good chance for comparison will be given.

Most of the interest aroused at games to the Y. M. C. A. B. A. A. game, which is a promised fight for first place. The Y. M. C. A. seniors have had two practices during the week in preparation, but on the other side it is understood that some consistent practice has been had every night in the Boys' Hall. Certainly a good game will be the result, and perhaps one of the keenest struggles in this city's basketball history. Instructor Finlay is confident his boys are in winning shape, and while he admits the difficulties, he has not lost any sleep over this outcome. Manager Donaldson is anxious to win, and if consistent and anxious training and practice can accomplish the object he is having no stone unturned.

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## A POWERFUL SERIAL "The Yellow God"

By H. RIDER HAGGARD

"THE TIMES" has been fortunate in securing the serial rights to this new and powerful novel by the author of "King Solomon's Mines," "The Brethren," "Benite," "She," etc. tales which have created so much interest that every new work from the same author is signalized by a rush for the book stalls.

"THE YELLOW GOD" is full of stirring adventure and has a plot running from end to end which chains the attention.

PUBLICATION WILL COMMENCE IN "THE TIMES" IN A FEW DAYS.

DON'T MISS THE OPENING CHAPTERS

is that his team will win. The following teams line up:

Player	Won	Lost	Pts.
F. A. C. Guards	5	4	1
H. Norman	5	4	1
W. D. Stewart	5	4	1
W. D. Stewart	5	4	1
F. Coates	5	4	1
Y. M. C. A.	5	4	1
Gawley	5	4	1
Roskamp	5	4	1
Whitely	5	4	1
Peterson	5	4	1
Peden	5	4	1
W. C. Cox	5	4	1
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#### JUNIOR MATCHES.

The J. B. A. A. juniors defeated the Y. M. C. A. at basketball in the Institute hall last evening, and ran out to a large crowd of spectators. The Y. M. C. A. boys were short of their three regular players, but they hardly expected to win even with their full team. The boys are playing strong combination, and are making a bold bid for the position so long held by the Shamrocks. They are gaining experience and should give better accounts of themselves every match they play. It will be a battle royal when the two leaders meet in the Institute hall next Wednesday.

Last night's game was cleanly played throughout, and Referee Stewart refereed in his usual impartial manner. The James Bay club lead the scoring from the first. Elworthy, Roberts and Cousin did all the scoring for the Bays, Fairfull and Campbell notching points for the losers. The teams lined up as follows:

Player	Won	Lost	Pts.
J.B.A.A. Guards	5	4	1
Abbey	5	4	1
Scott	5	4	1
Cousins	5	4	1
Thompson	5	4	1
Elworthy	5	4	1
McDonald	5	4	1
Shamrocks	5	4	1
J. B. A. A.	5	4	1
Emmanuel	5	4	1
Y. M. C. A.	5	4	1

#### GAME DEFAULTED.

For some unaccountable reason the intermediate basketball game set for last night between teams representative of the J. B. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. did not materialize. The defaulted game goes to the credit of the James Bay boys, who now dispute the High school from the top of the pole, and this makes the third game defaulted by the Y. M. C. A. The intermediate league now stands as follows:

Player	Won	Lost	Pts.
J. B. A. A.	5	4	1
High School	5	4	1
V. W. A.	5	4	1
Y. M. C. A.	5	4	1
5th Regt.	5	4	1

#### THE KENNEL MET LAST NIGHT.

Dogs and cats will be shown at the annual meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club to be held the beginning of next month. It is expected that the show will be bigger than ever, and with this end in view the club have this year made great inducements to exhibitors, and of course this will mean greater inducements to those who attend. Large cash prizes will be offered, and trophies for special prizes.

One of the best judges on the continent has been engaged to judge the dogs in the person of James Cole, of Kansas City.

J. Large has consented to act as judge of the cats. Mr. Large is a local man, but he has great experience with cats of all kinds in New York and other great exhibitions throughout the country. Trophies are offered as well as medals in the different classes.

At the meeting Chairman McConnell

announced that over 20 silver cups had already been offered for competition at the coming big event, and that those who won prizes in the last parlor show would receive their medals next week.

Among those who were present at the meeting were: C. A. Goodwin, A. Fairall, W. Atkins, Miss Davis, M. Dunn, Dr. Garesche, J. L. Hickford, W. Hanson, J. Wolfenden, J. W. Creighton, W. Hodgson, N. Carlow, T. Mangia, J. Wallis, F. Turner, J. P. McConnell, J. Large, H. Taylor, George Florence. A large number of new members were elected.

#### LACROSSE.

Two representatives of the Victoria lacrosse club, Leo Sweeney and Walter Crocker, are at present in Vancouver opening up negotiations for the admittance of the Capital City into a six-team league. They will confer with President Barr and then proceed to New Westminster, where arrangements will be made to alter the dates set aside for the Calgary championship games with eastern clubs. If the Royal City persisted in their intentions they would split up the coast schedule. With this move lacrosse prospects begin to loom up large into possibilities, and it may be that the national game will receive more than its usual quota of attention. The delegates expect to arrive back tomorrow night.

#### ARRANGING LEAGUE.

No. 1. Commencing at a post planted on Gold River, W. Coast, Vancouver Island, one mile S. from where the line of lease six intercepts same, and marked S. R. M. N. E. corner, thence running N. 30 chains, E. 30 chains, to place of commencement.

No. 2. Commencing at a post planted on Gold River, W. Coast, Vancouver Island, one mile S. from where the line of lease six intercepts same, and marked S. R. M. N. E. corner, thence running N. 30 chains, E. 30 chains, to place of commencement.

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# GREAT WHITE SALE!!

OUR WHITEWEAR SALE is undoubtedly the SALE OF THE SEASON, for by holding it at this date we have been able to include the matchless creations which are usually displayed for the first time in London, Paris and New York during the month of May. In doing this we give the Ladies of Victoria, and visitors to our city, a double advantage; for not only is every item of our bewitching Whitewear absolutely the Very Latest in the world of fashion, but in addition they are sold at CAMPBELL'S SALE PRICES, which means several thousand dollars saved to the ladies of Victoria. We have also included a splendid consignment of SAMPLES from the foremost London (England) Whitewear house, every garment of which is a distinct and exclusive creation.

**SMART SKIRTS**

Our reputation for selling the most durable and fashionable WHITE SKIRTS in Western Canada is such that we cannot afford to place on sale anything but the finest materials and workmanship. Out of the large quantity of this season's seductive productions. We give particulars of four lines, being the finest value ever displayed in Victoria.

WHITE SKIRTS, in fine cambric, with seventeen-inch flounce, handsome cluster of tucks; regular price, \$1.00; SALE PRICE ..... 75c

WHITE SKIRTS in fine cambric with deep flounce, six rows of tucks edged with embroidery; regular price, \$1.25; SALE PRICE ..... \$1.00

WHITE SKIRTS in very fine cambric, eighteen-inch flounce; two rows of Torchon lace insertion; flounces are edged with Torchon lace; regular price, \$1.50; SALE PRICE ..... \$1.35

WHITE SKIRTS in most excellent cambric, seventeen-inch lawn flounce, with embroidered frills; regular price, \$1.50; SALE PRICE ..... \$1.25

**CORSET COVERS**

TIGHT-FITTING CORSET COVERS, excellent material; round necks tastefully trimmed with embroidery and lace; regular price, 35c; SALE PRICE ..... 25c

DOROTHY CORSET COVERS, made of fine cambric, trimmed with machine Torchon lace, nicely run with ribbon; regular price, 40c; SALE PRICE ..... 30c

FRENCH SHAPED CORSET COVERS, in every good material, trimmed with Torchon lace in new styles; regular price, 45c; SALE PRICE ..... 30c

FRENCH SHAPED CORSET COVERS, in fine cotton trimmed with embroidery and Torchon lace, in a great variety of designs; regular price, 50c; SALE PRICE ..... 35c

FRENCH CORSET COVERS, in fine cambric with square-cut yokes daintily trimmed with embroidery and lace; with pretty row of heading and ribbon; regular price, 65c; SALE PRICE ..... 50c

NAINSOOK CORSET COVERS, with fitted backs and full fronts, two rows of real Torchon lace insertion, both neck and sleeve edged with lace; regular price, 90c; SALE PRICE ..... 75c

**DRAWERS**

LADIES' DRAWERS, in fine muslin, deep flounce, with two narrow hemstitched tucks; regular price, 35c; SALE PRICE ..... 25c

LADIES' DRAWERS, in fine cambric, with deep lawn flounce trimmed with row of Valenciennes lace insertion; also with lace edge; regular price, 75c; SALE PRICE ..... 50c

LADIES' DRAWERS, in excellent muslin, with umbrella flounce; pretty cluster of tucks, edged with Torchon lace; regular price, 75c; SALE PRICE ..... 60c

LADIES' DRAWERS, in fine cambric, very deep flounce, with clusters of fine tucks; dainty embroidered edge; regular price, 75c; SALE PRICE ..... 60c

LADIES' DRAWERS, in fine nainsook, stylish umbrella flounce, two hemstitched tucks, Normandy lace edges; regular price, 75c; SALE PRICE ..... 60c

LADIES' DRAWERS, in very fine cambric, with deep lawn flounce, row of heavy Torchon lace insertion and Torchon lace edge; regular price, 90c; SALE PRICE ..... 75c

**DAINTY NIGHTROBES**

No White Wear Sale would be complete without a very choice selection of BEAUTIFUL NIGHT ROBES, especially in Victoria, where the ladies demand elegance as well as comfort. During this sale we shall be able to satisfy the most exacting, as we are offering four lines which are matchless in value, beauty of material and wealth of garniture.

NIGHT ROBES of fine muslin with square-cut yokes, clustered tucks; necks and sleeves very prettily edged with hemstitched ruffles; regular price, \$1.00; SALE PRICE ..... 75c

NIGHT ROBES of excellent quality muslin with square yokes of lawn; hemstitched tucks; necks and sleeves tastefully edged with embroidery; regular price, \$1.00; SALE PRICE ..... 75c

NIGHT ROBES, with V shaped yokes, trimmed with clusters of narrow tucks, with embroidery insertions and embroidery edges; regular price, \$1.25; SALE PRICE ..... \$1.00

DOROTHY NIGHT ROBES, in finest cambric, with Valenciennes yokes drawn with ribbon; elbow sleeves edged with lace; regular price, \$1.50; SALE PRICE ..... \$1.35

**MAGNIFICENT AND EXCLUSIVE SAMPLE CREATIONS**

This is a rare opportunity. Never before have we been able to include in our White Wear Sale such a large, varied and magnificent consignment of exclusive creations in most beautiful and fascinating White Wear for ladies and children, together with a charming assortment of ladies' dressing sacques and dressing gowns in silk, lawn and challis cloth. As there are no two alike, every garment being distinct in style and design, it would be impossible to adequately describe them without taking up a very large amount of space, hence we give the range of sale prices only, with the explanation that even the low-priced garments are delightful specimens, handsomely garnished; the higher priced garments are masses of billowy lace, interwoven with dainty ribbons. The whole of these exquisite goodson sale Monday and following days.

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, no two alike; SALE PRICES range from 25c to ..... \$5.00

LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS, no two alike; SALE PRICES range from 75c to ..... \$15.00

LADIES' NIGHT ROBES, no two alike; SALE PRICES range from 75c to ..... \$8.00

LADIES' DRAWERS, exclusive designs; SALE PRICES range from 25c to ..... \$5.00

LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES AND DRESSING GOWNS, in silk, lawn and challis cloth, elaborately trimmed with lace and ribbons. SALE PRICES range from 75c to ..... \$7.00

CHILDREN'S DRESSES in lawn, chambray and muslin, beautifully trimmed; SALE PRICES range from 50c to ..... \$7.00

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS; SALE PRICES range from 15c to \$1.00

CHILDREN'S NIGHT GOWNS; SALE PRICES range from 75c to ..... \$1.50

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**JOHN MORLEY  
SPEAKS OF INDIA**

**Says Time Has Not Yet Arrived for Imperial Douma.**

London, Jan. 31.—John Morley, secretary of state for India, replied in the House of Commons to-day to criticisms of the India government. He said the great mass of perplexing problems in India must be regarded on a common-sense plane, and that it was not common sense to talk of "imperial doumas." The government was ready, when occasion offered, to consider the inclusion of natives of India in the vice-regal council.

The debate arose on an amendment to the address in reply to the speech

from the throne, proposed by Mr. Ruthford, who declared that the present state of affairs in India demanded the serious attention of the government, that the present proposals were inadequate to allay the existing and growing dissension, and that measures to instruct the people of India in the conduct of their own affairs were necessary.

**WRECKED OFF MAINE.**

Deserted Schooner Perry C. of Nova Scotia Pounding to Pieces.

Southwest Harbor, Me., Jan. 31.—A three-masted schooner, hitherto unidentified, wrecked on Little Duck Island and broken last night. The Perry C. of Painesboro, N. S., bound from New York to her home port. The crew are missing, but it is thought they were rescued by a coast steamer. The schooner is going to pieces.

Deaths from hunger and destitution in the United Kingdom average more than 500 every year.

**DISPENSED WITH HIS SERVICES.**

Winnipeg Council Terminates Agreement With Cecil B. Smith.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—The following recommendation to the council was passed by the council to-day:

"That in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the city of Winnipeg and Cecil B. Smith, dated October 3, 1900, the relationship of agent and engineer be, and is hereby terminated, and that the said Cecil B. Smith be paid \$2500 being six months' salary in lieu of the notice of termination of said relationship."

The vote on the motion was unanimous. This recommendation is the result of a personal disagreement between Mayor Ashdown and Cecil B. Smith, the engineer engaged by the city to design the construction of the municipal power plant at a cost of three to four millions. The mayor said he had nothing to say about the action of the board. One councillor gave "insubordination" as the reason.

In 1901 the salaries of British judges amounted to \$74,000.

**ONE SEQUEL TO  
JEWEL MYSTERY**

**Sir Arthur Vickers Custodian of Dublin Castle Regalia, is Dismissed.**

London, Jan. 31.—The report of the commission which has been investigating the disappearance last summer from Dublin Castle of jewels valued at \$200,000 belonging to the regalia of the Order of St. Patrick, was presented to parliament to-day. It finds that the safe from which the jewels were taken must have been opened by a key and concluded with the words: "We cannot acquit Sir Arthur Vickers of want of proper care in his custody of the keys to the safe."

Sir Arthur is Ulster King of Arms,

and he was custodian of the jewels. His Place Filled.

Dublin, Jan. 31.—The Gazette to-day announces the appointment of Captain Neville Wilkinson to succeed Sir Arthur Edward Vickers as Ulster King of Arms. Sir Arthur has issued an appeal to all Irishmen to support his demand for a public inquiry into all of the circumstances attending the loss of the regalia jewels.

**MISSING GIRL.**

Believed to Have Wandered Away With Brain Fever From Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—Considerable mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of Lilian Murray, who came from St. John, N. B., last year. A letter dated Jan. 13th, written to friends in St. John, stated that she had just arrived in Winnipeg from Starbuck, Mass. A little later friends received a letter from Mrs. M. Wilson stating that Miss Murray was suffering from brain fever.

**RUSSIAN "AGGRESSION."**

Rumor That Railway Is Being Built in Norwegian Territory.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—The report brought into Stockholm by a mining engineer that large bodies of Russian troops were engaged in building a railroad in Norwegian territory, close to the Russian frontier, was called to the attention of the foreign office to-day.

It was categorically denied, and an official of the foreign office declared that no railroad construction in this region was in progress.

**COAL CREEK STRIKE.**

Men Go Back to Work—Differences to Be Settled by Arbitration.

Pernie, Jan. 31.—The strike of the miners of Coal Creek was settled to-night, the differences to be finally settled by arbitration on February 10th. The men will return to work to-morrow.

Max Darewski, the boy pianist, has insured his hands for \$25,000, at a premium of \$1,500 a year.

**DESCENDED FROM  
OLIVER CROMWELL**

**Aged Philanthropist Named Edward Cromwell Dies in Denver.**

Denver, Colo., Jan. 31.—Edward Cromwell, aged 87 years, died last night at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Sampson, in this city. Mr. Cromwell's long life was largely devoted to philanthropic work. He was born in New York City, was a member of one of the oldest American families and was the oldest direct descendant of Oliver Cromwell.

During the last century fifty-two volcanic islands rose out of the sea. Nineteen of these have since disappeared, and ten are now inhabited.



## LOOK INSIDE YOUR WATCH

JUST FOR A MOMENT glance at the balance wheel. If in good condition this wheel is making 18,000 vibrations an hour. If its movement is sluggish there's something wrong. It will move 3,558 miles in a year and requires less than one-tenth of a drop of oil to make the run, but it needs that little oil badly. The least increase of friction on the bearings alters the motion.

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"The Angel's Serenade," by Braga.

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Continuous show daily from 2.30, 5.30, 8.30 p.m. Program changes every Monday.

Admission, 10c; children's matinee, Saturday, 5c.

## SUBSCRIBE FOR THE TIMES

Johnson, Vancouver, tea set; F. Beecher, Vancouver, dessert service; Mrs. Beecher, Vancouver, complete dishes; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alexander, Vancouver, cut glass dish; Mrs. Parkes, Vancouver, silver candlesticks; Mrs. Ashcroft, silver; Mrs. O'Reilly, silver tea set; Mr. J. Benson, Vancouver, travelling clock; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. McPhillips, Vancouver, silver articles for toilet-table; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson, cut glass and silver salt cellars; Mrs. Sweet, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. McBride, silver fish knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, vase; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gillespie, crumb brush and tray; Miss M. Cornwall and Hugh Cornwall, clock and pearl pendant; Miss M. Tatlow, Ireland, silver ink pot; Mrs. Archibald, England, silver maudlin dish; Miss de Wolfe, Vancouver, silver tea strainer; Miss O. de Wolfe, silver frame; the Misses Galletty, silver hatpins; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Alexander, Vancouver, muffin dish; H. S. Camble and the Misses Camble, fruit knives and forks; H. B. Camble, oak tray; Miss Keith, Vancouver, garnet bracelet; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robertson, Vancouver, brass writing set; Mrs. W. E. Page, dollies, Japanese frame and cushion cover; Mrs. Phipps, dollies; Mrs. Hebbden Gillespie, silver berry spoon; Mrs. Blacklock, brass candlestick; Mr. and Mrs. Stowe, Baltimore, spoon and fork; Miss Pitta, table centre; Miss M. Pitta, drawn work; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, sugar bowl and cream jug; Mrs. Tuck, salt cellar; the Misses Angus, Thermos bottle; C. Gamble, silver-mustard pot; Mr. Le Maistre, silver frame; Archdeacon Small, Lytton, Old Testament in art ink; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laing, silver mounted vases; Mr. Fulton, cut glass vases; Mrs. Grubbs, Vancouver, beaten copper book ends; Miss B. Irving, drawn work dollies; Miss Crease, cushion; H. Garden, travelling clock; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, silver coffee pot; Miss Bell, frame; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayward, salad bowl, spoon and fork; Miss Ethel Browne, brass candlesticks; Miss Brown, picture; Mrs. Henderson, Vernon, cut glass dish; Mr. and Mrs. Elmerfeld, teaspoons; Major and Mrs. Dupont, silver tea service; Dr. and Mrs. Owen Meredith Jones, cut glass decanters; Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, cut glass decanter.

for their home in Atlin very shortly now.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Wilby and Miss Marie Gaudin, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Gaudin. No date has yet been fixed for the marriage.

Major and Mrs. Muspratt Williams expect to leave for England next month, as the major's time with the Canadian permanent force has expired. They are selling off their furniture by auction.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Marguerite Little gave a most delightful "kitchen shower" in honor of her friend, Miss Gladys Green, who is to be married next week. Each guest brought some useful kitchen utensil, and after tea all the articles were put in a large clothes basket and presented to the happy recipient. The basket contained everything from a scrubbing brush to a dust pan. The house and large hall presented a very attractive

appearance with boxes of daffodils dotted around at intervals, and the large round tea table in the dining room was arranged with freshias; here, Miss Norah Combe and Miss Genevieve Irving poured tea and coffee. Miss Little received looking very pretty in pale blue crepe de chene, and amongst the guests were: Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Lampman, Miss Tilton and Miss Helen Peters, who are to be bridesmaids; Miss Vera Mason looking very sweet in white, relieved with green velvet; Miss Gillespie, Miss Perry, Miss Marion Dunnsmuir, who never looked better, was greatly admired in old rose voile; Miss Lawson, Miss King, Miss Blackwood, in blue voile, Miss Violet Pooley, Miss Pitta, Miss Troup and Miss Holmes wearing a very smart brown silk.

To-day Robin Dunnsmuir and Miss Marion Dunnsmuir left for England, where the former will superintend the furnishing of the yacht which the Lieutenant-Governor is at present having built.

LADY GAY.

## The Times Nature Club

Last week a man on the outskirts of Victoria was planting potatoes in the field and the crows followed him back and forth up and down the field, certainly feeding. They were probably eating the earth worms or perhaps the chrysalis that the plough turned up. The character of the crow is black as well as his plumage, yet he is a great deal of good. Some people claim he is almost all good and has no bad points. Others say that he is a bad fellow and has no good points. The probability is that the good and bad almost balance each other, although there are times when he certainly does a deal of harm. It would be very interesting to make a minute study of the crow's food. This could only be done by shooting a number at different seasons and at different places and examining their crops.

Three Bears.

How many people know that there are three bears in Beacon Hill park? Two live in the pit which is to be renovated by the parks board this year, and the other is always trying to climb a tree. All the tourists who come to this city and take a ride in one of the trolley-hos know where he stays. When the driver comes to the old birdseye maple tree opposite the bear pit he stops and points out to the passengers the figure of the bear to be plainly seen about two-thirds of the way up the tree. It is a very good representation and is seen from the east side of the tree.

Sea Birds.

The people in the east are complaining that the sea birds are becoming much scarcer on that coast on account of the invasion of the nesting places by collectors and others. There is no immediate danger here, but still some of the nesting sites are already attracting attention. There is a law which protects these birds, but it is difficult of enforcement on account of the outlying places at which the birds nest.

Thompson Seton.

A few days ago the noted naturalist, Thompson Seton, Dr. W. T. Hornaday and G. O. Shields, and the League of American Sportsmen in New York in the interest of bird protection. These three men have done perhaps more than any others on the continent to arouse an interest in bird and animal life. The books of Mr. Thompson Seton are well worth reading. Many of the stories about animals are of Canadian origin and the author himself lived a large part of his life on the Canadian prairies. Those who knew Mr. Thompson in those days say that he was not by any means a success as a farmer. When out ploughing if he discovered a gopher hole he would stop his horses and let them stand for an hour or two while he dug out the hole to see where it led. As a writer of animal books and a painter of animal pictures he is, however, known throughout the world. Many people are now looking for the account which he is sure to write of his travels last summer in the barren lands of the Mackenzie district.

Tree Planting.

Few people know just what the Natural History Society is doing in the matter of providing native trees for the park. Last year some of the members planted rows of dogwood and arbutus alternately on either side of the entrance to the park near the South Park school. Many of the native trees did not live, but eight of them did, and when they grow up they will be a great improvement to that part of the park. A week or two ago a number of new trees were planted on the north end of the park. Among them were cedars, native hawthorn and buckthorn. The buckthorn is the tree from the bark of which the canna is made. This bark is exported in large quantities from Comox and other parts of the Island of Vancouver.

Entrance Trees.

At the entrance to the Douglas street extension, just at the south side of the old James Bay flats, there were formerly some very fine old maple trees, hundreds of years of age and very beautiful. A year or more ago one of these was badly injured by a wire cable being put around it and some heavy machine moved by this means. The cable cut deep grooves in the bark and it is doubtful if the tree will ever recover. That tree was worth a goodly sum to the city in natural beauty, and it is a pity it should have been so injured. Quite near it another tree has been recently cut down. It is an old one and had some dead branches on it. One could have thought its very age would have inspired reverence. It is to be feared that the influx to the city has brought in too many cabbage gardeners who do not like the trees which are the natural heritage of Victoria. It is easy to cut down a tree but a very difficult matter to grow one. All that can be done is to plant for the next generation or the one following it.

Losing Votes.

Mayor Morley lost at least one vote by allowing the destruction of some broom on one of the roads in this city, perhaps he lost many more than that.

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It is entirely a matter of exercise—not a mere swinging of the arm and neck muscles, but a good hard pulling on the cords and muscles situated in this part of the body.

It is through the efforts that individuals are called upon to make that the change comes, for the pulling of the muscles works off superfluous flesh and strengthens muscles so that they stay in place instead of being flabby.

Any woman who is not willing to work to the point of fatigue for this might better save herself from beginning.

## BEGIN GRADUALLY

The woman who is striving to improve her arms and shoulders should begin by exercising only ten minutes at a time, night and morning, and as she becomes accustomed to the work the time may be increased gradually to half an hour.

Begin by taking a little chest work in the morning. Take a few good long breaths before an open window. Then, with the pulleys adjusted so that the handles swing from the upper screw hook, take a position with the back to it.

Clasping the handles, place the hands upon the chest, elbows out at the sides at shoulder level.

This mere position raises the chest walls and leads to involuntary deep breathing.

Now spread the arms wide until they

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extend straight out at the sides. Return to the chest.

Work slowly, lifting the chest as high as possible and stretching the arms as wide as they will reach. The farther one stands from the wall the more force it will take to stretch the arms.

Another splendid developing exercise is to throw the arms behind and downward to their full length, grasping the handles with the back of the hands up.

Now swing the arms upward and forward until they are extended to the shoulder level in front. Slowly return to first position.

It soon goes without saying that the waist must be perfectly free when practicing these exercises.

See that the muscles work with suppleness and not with rigidity.

Practice complete relaxation before exercising to obtain this suppleness.

Some head movements may be made to connect directly with the back and shoulder blades.

Put the chin down until it touches the

chest and then circle the head all the way around, keeping it so bent that one feels the pull on the cords in the back.

To vary and rest the muscles this exercise may be done first, always holding down, then alternating at each side, finally ending with circles.

If these movements are regularly practiced for six weeks, the figure will be improved greatly.

The chest will deepen and broaden,

## Developing the Shoulders

the shoulders acquire grace of outline and the carriage be better.

Uplifting thoughts, high ambitions and mental control all assist in giving a woman a good form and a fine, upright carriage.

Depression, anxiety, worry, envy, irritability and lack of self-confidence will make any woman trudge along with a woebegone attitude.

The reason is that the mental unrest has a powerful effect in disturbing the functions of the body and in lowering the vital forces.

The strength that might have been used for a fine, nerve-bracing walk, or in doing good work, has been wasted on absurd fretting.

And what good does it all do? The whining, worrying habit is something that can be overcome easily.

Everybody hates a whiner or a worrier.

Let the woman afflicted with the habit remember that, and reform.

Let her remember, too, that she isn't the only one who has reasons to be downhearted, to despair and howl dis-

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depths herself.

It isn't fair to steal another's spirits. What right has any one to make themselves and everybody else miserable?

What's the use of living if one is a tear-shedder?

Some individuals fancy that they should index and advertise their griefs for the annoyance of every one they meet, talking to an acquaintance as if they were consulting a physician.

These are sane ideas, that must be remembered by all seekers for beauty, whether of the arm, shoulder or shape of the nose.

Without contentment and consideration for the rights of others, beauty doesn't count for much.

## MOLE SUPERSTITION

**A** MOLE on the chin signifies great wealth; under the arm, wealth and honor as well.

A mole on the ankle indicates courage; on the left temple, a mole signifies that you will find friends among great people, but if on the right, signifies great distress in life.

A mole on the neck promises wealth. If a mole is on the nose, you will be a great traveler; on the throat signifies great fame.

## TIMELY ADVICE TO CORRESPONDENTS BY MRS. HENRY SYMES

**WING** To the great amount of mail received and the limited amount of space given this department, it is absolutely impossible to answer the letters sent to this department in the Sunday issue following the receipt of the letter. The letters must be answered in their turn, and this oftentimes requires three or four weeks' time before the answer can appear on the page.

All correspondents who desire an immediate answer must inclose a self-addressed envelope for a personal reply. This rule of the department must be complied with in regard to personal letters.

**Tender Feet** A. R.—If the feet are tender, they should be bathed every morning with tepid water and good soap. Ordinary laundry soap is excellent. A small brush should be used to the soles of the feet.

Rinse and rub well with a coarse towel. The bathing and rubbing open the pores and create circulation. If the feet burn or ache from standing, and the warm bath does not give relief, rub them with the following ointment: Oxide of zinc, one ounce; crystallized carbolic acid, five grains. Mix well, rub in the feet and wipe off. Or any ordinary carbolic ointment from the drugist will answer.

Wear a comfortable broad shoe with low heels and avoid leathers that burn the feet.

**Soap for the Hands** D. E. R.—Be sure to use the best soap. When you dry the hands use a soft towel. A harsh towel should never be used.

At night after washing the hands put some good skin food or cream on them. Try a tepid bath instead. Drink plenty of milk and take at least three raw eggs a day, either dropped in milk or dusted with pepper and salt.

**To Reduce the Flesh** D. C.—The pomade you inquire about should simply be rubbed into the fleshy parts and then left on all night. The length of time it takes to produce results would, of course, depend on the physical condition of the person using it and the amount of flesh to be reduced.

**Cold Baths** INVALID—A woman of your weak vitality cannot endure a cold bath. Try a tepid bath instead. Drink plenty of milk and take at least three raw eggs a day, either dropped in milk or dusted with pepper and salt.

**To Give Luster to the Hair** D. R. V.—The juice of half a large lemon may be added to the water in which the hair is rinsed. It will give the hair a silky luster, take out the last trace of dandruff, and will prevent the dryness which makes the hair so unmanageable after the usual shampoo. Much harm is done by careless drying of the hair.

Often it is exposed to great heat, which takes the hair from it. If you dry the hair by any sort of stove or heater, do so to remain at a respectful distance. Do not wipe the hair dry with towels; they leave a fine lint which cannot be brushed out and which gives the hair a grayish cast.

Always shake the hair while drying it. This will make it fluffy and shiny.

**Fainting** WORRIED—There are a number of reasons why one faints. It is impossible to determine the cause of the attacks you describe.

As to the treatment you inquire for, place the fainting person in a horizontal position. In that way the blood can get more readily to the heart. It is often recommended that the body be inclined, the head lower than the feet.

The clothing should be loosened and cold water sprinkled with a dash on the face. Put some aromatic spirits of ammonia on a handkerchief, just as you would cologne, and hold it to the nose so it can be inhaled, and, as soon as consciousness is restored enough for the patient to swallow, give her a teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia in half a glass of water.

Sometimes such attacks as you describes are hereditary.

**Marcelling** VILLAGE—To some faces marcelling is not at all becoming. It gives a hard, plain, grown-up look. However, the woman who delights in the plain tailor-made suits and wears neat little walking suits can very easily wear the marcel wave.

Certainly, there is no manner of hair dress that gives as neat and trim an appearance as the marcel, which is usually held in place with an invisible net.

Yes, false puffs are still worn, but not in excess. Too many of them always advertise the fact that they came from the hair factory.

**Weak Eyes** A. R. R.—If your eyes become red and inflamed, it is due to strain and you had better consult an oculist and have him examine your eyes to find out what is the matter. Avoid reading

in poor light. Never read when riding in the cars.

Bathe the eyeballs in salt water. Fill a glass with such a solution and bring the eyes down to it; open the eyes several times, so that they and the lids are washed with it. Eye cups come purposely for this and are cheap as well as convenient. They are so small that they can be held up to the eye.

When one has sties and the lids are red, it is probable that glasses are needed. An oculist should be consulted at once, for, if you are already using glasses, it is probable they do not fit you.

**Care of Feet** CLERK—One who stands a great deal should wear broad, comfortable shoes of soft kid, and every one should have two pairs to change every day. They are apt to be damp from perspiration, creating a cold and bad circulation.

Changing the shoes daily also prevents the slippers without heels which you have been wearing should not be worn habitually, as they will spoil the arch of the foot.

**BEAUTY HINTS** CLIPPING is the wrong thing to do if one is trying to cultivate heavy eyelashes. Their growth may be stimulated by putting on a tonic of five grains of sulphate of quinine and one ounce of sweet almond oil.

Touch the roots lightly with a fine sable brush once or twice a week and you will soon see a decided change in their length.

A simple remedy for stiffness of the nose is to add a little washing soda to the water in which the face is washed.

The rich foods which cause pimples all afflict the nose, and the only permanent cure is a return to a normal diet.

Brushing the hair thoroughly is absolutely necessary. If it is not done all the tonics and shampoos will prove a dismal failure.

Massage the scalp well every day and get it loosened up and flexible, so that the hair may receive its rightful nourishment by the blood circulating freely at the roots. This will stimulate the growth and arrest the splitting and breaking.

Splitting at the ends always indicates poor nourishment, and nothing but massage will relieve the trouble.

**Baby's Teeth** YOUNG MOTHER—There is a great difference in the age when the first tooth appears. It has been known to come as early as the fourth month, and in some to be delayed until the tenth month and even later.

The two lower central incisors appear first, then follow the four upper incisors, which usually come when the child is a year old. Next appear the two lateral incisors in the lower jaw; accompanying them, or appearing very shortly after, are the four anterior molars, one on each side of the upper jaw, and one on each side of the lower jaw.

"Presses come" from the twentieth to the eighteenth month. The four canines next put in their appearance, and may be expected from the eighteenth to the twenty-fourth month.

The four posterior molars complete the set of teeth, and are seen from the twenty-fourth to the thirtieth month. You see there is a great variety in time in which the teeth may arrive.

**Causes of Falling Hair** WORRIED—Neglect, dandruff, eczema, washing with too strong soap, the use of hair bleach, relaxed condition of the skin, neuritis, headache and worry are some of the many causes for falling hair. A proper home treatment is to wash the hair every night. If the hair falls out, it will come out whether you brush it or not. After a thorough brushing give it a fifteen-minute scalp massage.

Press the finger tips to the scalp, making a wheel-like movement from the side away back to the neck. It is a good plan to dip the finger tips in a good hair tonic.

The following is an exceptionally good one: Forty grains of resorcin, one-half ounce of water, one ounce of witch-hazel and one ounce of alcohol.

**A Good Lotion** M. C.—An excellent facial lotion is one made of one ounce of tincture of benzoin, one ounce of glycerine, the juice of a lemon to which a large cupful of boiling water is added. Shake the solution well and put in small bottles for use.

A good cream should be well rubbed around the nails every night to prevent them from becoming brittle.

**Prominence of Collarbone** ETHEL—The prominence of the collarbone is usually due to the lack of flesh, and the only remedy is to increase the bodily weight generally.

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neck, first to one side, then the other. Do this several times night and morning.

Massage the neck thoroughly each night, rubbing into it at the same time some good skin food, orange-flower skin food or cold cream or vasoline.

The wrinkles you complain of are due to your keeping the neck in one position. Possibly you look down at your work too much when you are sewing. Hold up your head at your work.

Do not wear high stiff collars. They cause the neck to wither, as they prevent a good circulation of the air.

This people have thin necks. If you are thin you should take exercise to increase your flesh.

**Falling Hair** LOUISE—You should be careful not to shampoo your hair too frequently. If your hair is dry and there is little perspiration, a monthly shampoo is all that is required. If, on the other hand, it is inclined to be oily or moist, it should be shampooed every ten days.

Do not use ammonia or borax, for the seldom gets just the correct proportion, and their use is liable to promote premature grayness.

**Correct Proportions** QUERIST—The test of being in proportion is the arm test. Stand erect with both arms out, and take your measurement from finger tip to finger tip. Now measure your height. You should be as tall as the entire length of your arms.

**Red Hands** K. S.—A preparation that will help to beautify the hands and prevent the red condition of the skin, is made of a mixture of equal parts of cologne, strained honey and lemon juice. This should be rubbed in at night.

You may apply this to the face: One ounce of glycerine; one pint of elderflower water and two drams of powdered borax. Mix well and use before going out of doors, then apply some good rice powder.

**Stain for Eyebrows** O. R.—A solution that is a tonic as well as a slight stain for the brows is made by mixing a small quantity of sage tea in a pint of water. Strain, and to the tea add a teaspoonful of alcohol. With a small camel's-hair brush apply this to the brows once a day.

**Wrinkles Under the Eyes** HELEN—I do not think I would continue the massage under the eyes; that kind of massage has to be done very carefully. Paint the wrinkles with this preparation: Twenty grains of tannic acid to the ounce of pure glycerine, applying it once a day with a camel's-hair brush.

Possibly you need a tonic, as the relaxed and wrinkled condition of the skin under the eyes indicates a torpid liver.

Another cause of them is the habit of wrinkling the skin about the eyes, squinting, or even closing the eyes when thinking.

**Secrets That Eyes Reveal** S. T.—Widely opened eyes that are not afraid to meet yours mean sincerity and honor.

But the steady, glinting eyes that look through half-closed lids as you would rather indicate a cold and suspicious nature.

Beware of the shifting, faltering eyes that always look away from you. Small eyes usually mean an alert mind.

If they look straight out at you, steady and bright, like a squirrel's, you may expect the right sort of cleverness, a quick tongue and a gift for repartee.

But if the small eyes are more dim and do not look straight into yours, you may look for the wrong kind of cleverness, for little dishonesties and equivocations, and for a business sharpness that is willing to sacrifice too much for a little money.

Your large, tranquil, "cowlike" eyes, on the other hand, are less responsive than the alert, bright, little-beady eyes, but once stricken to their depths, and they will look infinitely more intense and meaningful than the more impulsive eyes.

Round, protruding eyes show an ambitious nature and a love of action. The longer eyes show more temperament of the dreamer.

The most beautiful eyes in the world are very clear, and are set widely apart and rather deep.

That width of setting always gives a certain expression of sweet spirituality.

## CHARACTER TOLD BY HAIR

**C**HARACTER is more easily discernible by close observation of hair than by noting the expression of the face.

It is a wonderful guide to the mental capacity, tastes and temper of individuals.

It has been said the finer the hair the gentler the birth, and it is certainly true that those who are born to the purple are often remarkable for the soft, silky texture of the hair.

Lusterless black hair denotes a jealous disposition and treacherous temperament.

In nine cases out of ten it is a curious fact, which cannot be refuted, that the lighter the color of the hair the more sensitive is the owner to criticisms and

the more quick to feel real or fancied injuries.

The possessor of brown hair of good depth of color and firm texture is usually distinguished by good judgment, a high sense of reasoning power and plenty of common sense.

Women with red hair, though often over-impulsive and too quick-spoken, are generally strictly honest and truthful, show a fair amount of common sense, and, as a rule, are the brightest, sunniest and gentlest individuals in existence.

A woman with straight and what might be termed "unyielding" hair, especially if the color is dark, possesses a firm and highly principled nature; she is determined, perhaps even a little obstinate, but extremely dependable.

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## THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG

John Lee Tells His Personal Story of the Heart-Rending Scene on the Scaffold—Executioner Moved to Tears—Terrible Fiasco Foretold in Dream.

John Lee, sentenced to death twenty-three years ago for the murder of Miss Keyes at Babacombe, gives in Lloyd's Weekly News an authentic account of the terrible scenes which accompanied the attempt, thrice repeated, to carry his sentence into execution.

Since that morning Lee's lips have been sealed by prison routine, but his memory of every detail of that terrible ordeal is undimmed, and his emotions reproduce themselves with a vivid realism that time has not abated.

To many men it is given to face the prospect of death, sudden and violent, but to stand three times in the presence of destruction, as inevitable and irresistible as the mind of man can devise, is an experience which Lee, alone of living men, is able to describe.

(Continued from last Tuesday.)

### VII. Recollections of My Trial.

When the curtain fell at the end of the first part of my history I told how I had just been arrested for the murder of my dear mistress, Miss Keyes.

I now draw aside the curtain again in order that you may follow the second part of the drama. It seems to me as I think of my own strange story that I have been all my life in the grip of Fate. For good or for ill, for some purpose unknown to me I have been given a tragic part to play in the drama of life. Perhaps some day when the piece is over and the curtain down for ever I shall see the meaning and purpose of it all.

The two scenes which I shall describe to you this week are my trial and my attempted execution. But first there are certain things I must say in order to put myself right with my fellow men: in order to ensure myself that share of justice which is the common heritage of us all. Two charges are being made against me: First, that I intend to question the verdict of the jury. Second, that I make a direct claim to Divine intervention on my behalf when I stood on the scaffold in 1885.

There seem to be certain people in this world who derive pleasure from oppressing the outcast. There is no suffering possible to the human heart but they multiply it by all sorts of unworthy means. There will perhaps come to these people a moment when they too will stand on the brink of destruction. In that time they will remember how they pursued an unhappy man who has suffered during 23 years agony unattainable. May they then be more merciful than they have shown me. May they at least be finally forgiven.

I do not question the verdict of the jury. On the evidence that was placed before them they could have come to no other conclusion than that I was guilty. Whatever I may think about some of the witnesses, I do not complain about my trial. His Majesty's judges are beyond suspicion. No jury would wickedly send a man to his death. What I do complain about is that even before I was tried, and even whilst I was being tried, the malice that was shown by certain writers and other individuals was disgraceful. To all these people I again say: May more mercy be shown to you than you showed to me.

As for my wonderful escape from death, for they tried three times to execute me and failed, I have only one thing to say. If it be true that the Divine will is manifest in everything that happens; if it be true that not even a leaf can fall or a sparrow perish without God's knowledge, then I say that Heaven, and Heaven alone, spared me on that terrible morning. God does not always send an angel with a flaming sword. The planks of the scaffold may have swollen with rain. The carpenter may have bungled his task. My deliverance could have been effected that way just as well as any other through that carpenter, through that executioner.

I do not propose to say very much about my trial or about the events which immediately preceded it. They interested me but I knew that I was in a trap. Besides, I was full of nervous excitement. What did I know about trials? What do I know about them now?

A trial is a thing so bewildering that it seems to be nothing but one long jumble of words till suddenly the jury says "Guilty" and the judge passes sentence. I often think that the law ought to recognize this. But unfortunately the law only knows crime and its punishment. It takes no count of the man.

Let me put you in the dock for a moment just as I was put in the dock. You are weary and worn after many weeks of confinement, of hurrying to and fro between police stations, jails, police courts, and coroner's inquests. You look tired, pale, and thin. "Ah!" says the law. "Your guilty conscience is wearing you out." I tremble with nervous excitement. I was full of suspense. You hand shakes. Your voice quivers as you speak. "Ah!" says the public, watching your every movement. "Wretch, you are afraid! Your conscience is overwhelming you!" But if by some wonderful chance you are able to preserve your fortitude; if the knowledge that you are innocent comes to your rescue and braces you up, if you do not let emotion get the better of you, if you smile at what they call "wretch's" cry, "Only the author of so diabolical a murder as this could show such wonderful calm and indifference!"

This is what happened in my case. Since my release I have turned up many of the accounts of my trial, and they all note my unflinching bearing. In some cases the accounts of my conduct are exaggerated.

Whatever I did, can anyone tell me why I should have behaved like a coward? Immediately after I had been arrested I was marched all the way to Torquay police station in front of a policeman. No crowd accompanied me. I was not handcuffed. I simply trudged along as if I were bent upon some errand. Behind me was the sergeant. I made no attempt to escape. I wanted to see the whole business through from beginning to end. I had nothing to be afraid of. In a sense I was quite happy.

When we got to Torquay I was formally charged, and put into a cell. As I heard the door clang upon me my heart sank. For a second time I was within prison walls. I sat down, my head in my hands, and strove to realize what had befallen me. Theft I had already suffered for. I was now charged with murder!

I have no more than a dim recollection of my appearance before the magistrates and the coroner. I remember being taken to the coroner's inquiry on the Monday following the discovery of the murder. The inquest was held at the town hall, St. Mary Church. It lasted for two or three days, but I don't think I went every day. When I did so I was taken in a cab and always early in the morning, so as to avoid the crowd that was waiting to see me.

One little thing did happen during the coroner's inquiry which serves to show I was judged and condemned even before the evidence had been heard. A postman named Richards was called to give evidence about a certain threat that I was supposed to have uttered. When he had given the evidence a jurymen said it was a pity the postman had not at the time told others about the threat, so that life might have been saved! I cannot think of anything more calculated to prejudice my case. I am glad, however, to say that the coroner did me the justice of pulling that jurymen up and reminding him that it was too soon to come to such a conclusion.

I remember another occasion at the police court on which my solicitor, Mr. Templer, wished to correct a statement which was being made by Mr. Ildore Carter, the solicitor for the prosecution. To my utter astonishment, Mr. Templer was not allowed to make that correction. Again and again we protested against such gross treatment, but the chairman of the magistrates would not so much as listen to him. It must be plain to anybody that on such an occasion it is absolutely necessary to stop the creation of a false impression. But the magistrate refused me even that piece of common justice.

Then I was annoyed a great deal by artists sketching me. I particularly remember one man sitting at a table just below me. He kept looking up at me and making notes with a pencil. He worried me so much that at last I sent a note down to Mr. Templer, and he made a protest to the magistrates. What do you think they did? They called for the artist's sketch-book and looked at the sketches. Instead of protecting me they praised him—I suppose I didn't matter. I was only the prisoner. I didn't count.

Scant as was the consideration I received from many people who ought to have known better, I received many little favors during those dark dreary days. I am speaking now for the first time for twenty-three years, and I want to take this opportunity of publicly thanking the police, and especially the two Babacombe officers, for their kindness to me. Wherever they are I would like them to know how I appreciated many a little thing they did when men who ought to have been an example to others were making my agony harder to bear. The police had an unpleasant duty to perform. Acting under directions they had to build up the case against me. At the same time they did not forget that I was flesh and blood like themselves. They always made me comfortable. They shielded me from the crowds that waited for me whenever I appeared in public. I thank them most heartily.

About the beginning of December, 1884, all these preliminary proceedings ended. On the 12th I was taken to Exeter to await my trial. I believe thousands of people were waiting for me at the railway stations. They did not see me. Instead of taking me by train the police drove me to Exeter in a carriage, and I was in my cell for several hours before anyone knew I had arrived. Then I remained till the morning of my trial, February 2nd, 1885.

For the world at large such a morning is full of bustle and excitement; for the prisoner it is one of almost distressing quiet. The weather was miserable. It rained without ceasing. Yet I heard that the doors of the court were besieged by crowds anxious to be present at the trial, whilst many persons stood for hours in the rain in case there was anything to be seen.

I heard that only those provided with signed passes were allowed to enter the court. There were policemen on duty at all the doors, and I remember someone telling me that much of their time was occupied in refusing to accept the bribes that were offered them by people who wanted to come in to see me. Hundreds of people would have paid ten shillings just to be allowed to stand in the court. My mother has since told me that they actually barred her way when she applied for admission. Poor mother! She had not provided herself with a ticket, and when she got to the door of the court the police told her that she couldn't enter without a pass. "But I'm John Lee's mother," she replied angrily, "and pass or no pass I'm going to be near my boy when they try him." At last they let her in, and for three days she sat in that court, from the beginning to the end of the proceedings.

On the Saturday afternoon before the trial I had a visit from Mr. Templer's brother. He told me that Mr. Templer was too ill to look after my trial, but that he, the brother, would be present in court. "Shall I have anything to say, sir?" I asked him. "No," he replied. "Don't you say a word. I'll get you off all right."

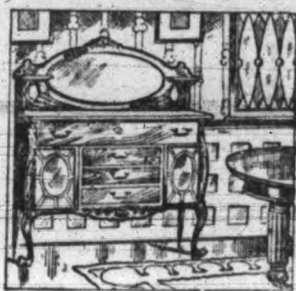
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"Shall I have anything to say, sir?" I asked him. "No," he replied. "Don't you say a word. I'll get you off all right."

#### VIII.

##### I Am Sentenced to Death.

When the hour appointed for the trial drew near I was removed to the court, which was a short distance from the prison. The governor came into my cell and told me to follow him. We went into the prison yard where a carriage was waiting. Into this we got, and we were driven out of the prison to the court. We drove a long way round, with the result that the crowd that had gathered in the hope of seeing me was completely tricked. Prisoners were usually taken from the jail to the court in the Black Maria. The carriage was used as the governor was very anxious that there should be no scene in the streets.

When we reached the court I was put into a cupboard-like cell below the court-room. Above me I could hear the hum of voices as they were taken to their seats. Suddenly all was silent. A key turned in a lock. Someone came into the little cell in which I was sitting.

"Come along, Lee," he said. I was led up some steps, and before I knew it I was in the dock. Before I could recover my self-possession someone was asking me if I was guilty. That brought me to my senses. My courage came back to me. "Not guilty, sir!" I said boldly.

Everyone seemed to be waiting to hear what I would say. Before I spoke all was quiet as the grave. The moment I said "Not guilty" a great buzz of conversation broke out till someone roared "Silence!" Then all was still again.

The judge was Justice Manly. I had never seen a judge before. He did not seem to be so terrible as I imagined he would be. His robes made him look imposing. But he seemed to be a kind old man. I was defended by Mr. St. Aubyn, M. P., and I think Mr. Collins, Q. C. Prosecuted. I did not know anyone else in court except the witnesses, and they were ordered to wait outside. There were several people on the bench. I particularly noticed the sheriff in his uniform.

There is no need for me to go over all the story of the trial. It confused me. I got tired of listening to the long speeches. I wearied of what seemed to be the endless repetition of the story of the murder. I just wanted to know the end of it all. Some of the jury were objected to by Mr. St. Aubyn and had to leave the box. He told me he had heard that they had been talking about the case.

As I have said before, I do not complain of my trial. The case seemed to be so black against me that I cannot blame the jury for finding me guilty. But there is one thing I want to explain. What the prosecution practically said was this: "How is it, if you are innocent, that you did not hear the person who committed the murder moving about? The pool of blood in the passage was five feet from your head in the pantry. You must have heard the blows struck that knocked the poor old lady down. You must have heard the murderer going about the house. You must have heard the matches being struck that lighted the fire which nearly destroyed all traces of the crime. How is it you heard nothing of these things?"

Let me reply to these questions by reading you a newspaper paragraph I cut out the other day: **Barrack Room Tragedy.** "Gunner Charles Billington, a native of Bristol, was found lying partially on his bed in a barrack room in Dover

Castle with his head nearly severed from his body, as if with a razor. Companions were sleeping on each side of him, but they heard nothing during the night."

These men heard nothing. Neither did I.

I always have been a heavy sleeper. At the time of the murder of Miss Keyes I was a particularly healthy boy. I always slept well, so well that though the Necks, very often used to be up late at night, knocking in the pantry, I never heard a sound.

I believe they even used to shuffle along between my bed and the cupboard where the oil can was, and yet not disturb me.

I say again that I slept soundly whilst every blow in that terrible murder was being struck, whilst all the other deeds that were afterwards discovered were being done.

I don't think enough was made of this point at the trial.

Here is another point. What was it that brought Miss Keyes down stairs to her death?

It was proved at the trial that she went into the kitchen before going to bed; that she there took her cocoa from the hob, where one of the Necks had left it; that she next went upstairs carrying the cocoa and a candle; that she undressed and put on her night-dresses; that she came down again candle in hand.

What was it that brought her downstairs? If I had wished to murder her I could have done so whilst she was sitting alone in the dining room writing after the servants had gone to bed. Or I could have done it upstairs.

I ask again: What was it that brought her downstairs? I think everybody will agree with me that this is a most important point. Unfortunately it was not so important, and it is too late to discuss it now.

The trial lasted three days. At the end of each day I was taken back to my cell in Exeter prison. On the second or third morning I went to the court in a carriage, just as I did with the governor on the first. But on one morning, I don't know which it was, the governor discovered that I was tricked. During the adjournments each day I took my meals at the court.

A silly story got abroad to the effect that during one of these intervals I stood at one of the windows so that the people could see me, and twisted the window cord round my neck.

Shall I ever forget the last day of the trial? It was Wednesday. All the speeches were over. The judge had summed up. The jury had left the court to consider their verdict.

As soon as they left I was taken below. I remember as I left the dock how the people gazed at me. They were watching, I suppose, for some sign of fear or guilt. They were waiting to see if I sat alone beneath the court I could hear the people talking overhead. Then as before came the sudden hush.

Once more a key turned in a lock. Once more I was taken back to the dock. The jury had been absent about half an hour. At last I was to hear my fate.

to say. Yes I had. I remember the words to this hour.

Holding myself erect I replied manfully: "I say that I am innocent, sir!" Then the judge put on the black cap.

How strange he looked—how severe! I felt the warders come closer to me. I forgot what the judge said. There was something about "place of execution" . . . hanged by the neck . . . dead . . . buried within the prison . . . soul.

That was all I heard. It seemed as if some far away voice was speaking to me.

Someone behind me gently took hold of my arm. But I had no need of support. I was wondering what would happen next, when a warder touched me on the shoulder. "This way," he said.

I turned to go, but as I turned a sudden inspiration seized me. Stepping quickly to the rail of the dock I looked straight at the judge and said:

"The reason why I am so calm is that I trust in the Lord and He knows I am innocent!"

What had I to be afraid of? I was not afraid to meet Almighty God.

True, my life had been sworn away. I will never believe any more witnesses. All the same, I forgive the Necks. I even forgive my step-sister.

No, I was not afraid. I believe I left the dock with a smile on my face.

I went down to the cells without assistance.

IX.

In the Condemned Cell.

As soon as the trial was over I was taken back to Exeter prison, and placed in a condemned cell to wait for death. Up to this point I had been wearing my own black suit. But I was now made to change it for prison clothes. They were brought to me by the warders as soon as I got back from the trial. The governor came into the cell with the warders. "Change your clothes, Lee," was all he said. I put on the prison clothes, and one of the warders took away my black suit.

When I had made the change the governor left and the warder returned. He came into the cell and shut the door.

The moment he did so I entered upon a fresh ordeal. Two warders never left me night or day for three weeks.

I soon found out that the conditions under which I was to live now were slightly different from the life of an ordinary prisoner. I was on hospital diet. I could have practically what I wanted.

My cell was a much roomier apartment than that in which the ordinary prisoner is accommodated.

At Exeter prison, when I was there, I think there were two condemned cells. Mine was furnished with a bed—not the miserable plank used in the ordinary cells. There were a table, three chairs, and a few books, amongst them a Bible.

There were besides the ordinary utensils that are to be found in a convict's cell. Of course I was not allowed the use of a knife at my meals.

Neither did I have a razor. The result was that I grew a short, stubbly beard, which I did not at all like.

For a day or two I was not very well. I had caught a bad cold, and felt a bit down, but I ate and slept splendidly. I soon became used to the continual presence of the warders.

It is always said that these three weeks waiting for death are more terrible than the actual execution. It may be so in some cases, but certainly was not so in mine. If anything I felt relieved. All the suspense was over. I knew now what to expect, and I made up my mind to face it as cheerfully as I could.

had just got out of bed and was washing my hands.

"Lee," he said, "your sentence will be carried out on the 23rd."

I turned round and smiled. I suppose I horrified him, for he said, in a very shocked voice:

"It is nothing to laugh at."

Neither was it. But I was happy. His words did not at all frighten me. I was no murderer. I was innocent. What had I to fear?

The three weeks soon went. Each day was like the one that preceded it. I chatted with the warders, and went out for exercise. I did not smoke.

I used to receive letters from all parts of the country. There was one from Brotherhood; I forgot what it was about, but somebody in the prison had scribbled on the letter: "Confess, dear brother, confess!"

People were always asking me to confess. I used to say: "If I tell you a lie, you'll believe me. If I tell you the truth, you won't believe me." Had I said I was guilty, they would have believed me in a moment.

I believe the chaplain of Exeter prison, Mr. Pitkin, has said that at one time or another I made use of threats.

This is not true. Let me tell you where I think he got the notion from. You must know that one of the two warders always lay down beside me when I went to bed. The other would sit in a chair. One night I was awake. I looked out. There were my two friends asleep!

In the morning I said to them: "You're a nice pair to be looking after a man. If I were dangerous I could have broken a leg off that table and knocked out your brains!"

Now that is hardly where the story about the threats has come from. What I said may have been reported to the chaplain—and I suppose the words were altered a little on the way.

Violence? One of them use to stick his knife in the cell door so that he could hang up his coat! I wonder how many times I could have crept out of bed and got at that knife.

But I never thought of murder. Still less did I contemplate suicide.

During the time I was waiting for execution I was guarded by two warders, two for day time and two for night. They were as kind to me, I suppose, as circumstances would permit, but their continual presence was not exactly cheerful.

I wrote three letters from the condemned cell—to my mother, to my father, and to Miss Farmer, my old sweetheart. I put a lock of hair in each.

I don't think Miss Farmer ever received her letter. I imagine it was kept back in case it might be useful after the execution, for I think I told her

that I deserved hanging for being so foolish as "to let things go" as I had done.

This is what has been called "a confession," I believe.

I was also visited by my father and mother. I believe mother asked if she could have my body after the execution; but, of course, that was impossible. Before she saw me the chaplain took her into a room, and they prayed together.

Poor old mother! She was just as brave in those days as she has been since.

These visits were at once sources of joy and of pain. My mother bore up well, but my father was almost broken-hearted. As soon as he saw me he said, with tears in his eyes: "Oh, Jack! Jack! I only wish I could die for you. If only they would take me instead." I tried to comfort him all I could by appearing to be cheerful, but it was very hard for us all.

Two warders were always present at these visits, but they used to take as little notice of us as possible.

I shall never forget saying good-bye to my parents for what I thought was the last time. We talked of the old days, of the days when I was in the navy. I told them not to be afraid; that the John was innocent.

Several clergymen also came to the prison on the Saturday before the execution to see me; but on the advice of the governor I only saw one of them, the then vicar of Abbotswick, Mr. Hind.

The governor told me I could see them all if I liked, but he suggested that I should only see the vicar of my own parish of Abbotswick.

I had an idea that the authorities had sent these gentlemen to me in the hope of getting a confession. If one failed the other could try. But I had committed no crime. How could I make a confession?

I did not ask for any reprieve. I sent a statement to the Home Secretary, informing him that I was innocent, and I understand that another petition was got up by my friends. Not for a moment did I expect a favorable answer. I was resigned to my fate. I was not afraid.

There was another petition sent round to collect money to pay for my trial. My father told me that my defence cost £60. This petition, I believe, was fairly successful.

I took as much exercise every day as I could in the prison yard. I never saw anything of the other prisoners. Indeed, I never saw anybody in the yard besides the warders, except on the last Sunday, when there was a little man walking up and down.

"Who's that?" I asked.

The warders looked at me rather

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## THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG

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curiously, and one of them answered

"Oh, that's a visitor."

A visitor? I may have been a coun-

bumpkin, but I was not a fool. I

guessed who the "visitor" was.

"That's the executioner," said I to my-

self, "looking at me to see how much

drop I shall want."

This yard was, of course, not the one

in which I was to be executed. Of that

I had as yet seen nothing.

And now I come to the eve of the

execution, Sunday, February 22nd, 1885.

I had written my letters. I had done

with all worldly ties. Late at night I

received the sacrament, and composed

myself for my last sleep on earth, the

last before the long, peaceful sleep of

death.

And whilst I slept I had a dream. I

thought I was on the scaffold. I heard

the bolt drawn, but the scaffold would

not work. Three times the bolt was

drawn, and three times it failed to act.

That was all. I saw no one else on

the scaffold beside me in my dream. I

seemed to be alone in space.

X.

Three Times They Fail to Hang Me.

Half-past six!

I awoke, startled, and looked about

me. I thought I was on the scaffold.

There were the wardens and the chap-

lain. But no, I was still in the prison

cell.

The chaplain was indeed there. He

had come to pray with me, but when

he saw that I was not dressed he went

out of the cell and walked up and down

the corridor outside till I was ready.

"As I was putting on my socks I told

the wardens about my dream. They did

not say a word, but gave me some tea

and toast. After a while they left the

cell, and the chaplain came in again.

Solemn as that time of prayer was,

it might have been still more solemn

and precious if I had not been worried.

He kept asking me to confess that I

had done the murder.

"Confess," I replied. "I have nothing

to confess. I have finished with this

world. I want to think of the things

of the next."

I was quite calm.

After a while Mr. Pitkin went, and

the wardens came back to the cell.

Slowly the minutes passed. They

seemed to be hours. Hark! What was

that? The deep boom of the prison

bell.

"Doom! Doom! Doom!" It seemed to

be saying. Doom! Doom! Doom!

It was eight o'clock!

For a moment I felt Death's cold

fingers about my throat. But only for

a moment. Now was the time to show

how an innocent man could die.

As the clock struck, the door of my

cell opened and in came the governor

and Berry, the executioner. With them

was the chaplain, robed.

Berry stepped forward to shake hands

with me, but the governor pushed him

on one side, saying: "I will shake

hands with Lee first."

Then Berry shook hands with me.

As he did so he said: "Poor fellow, I

must carry out my duty."

I now saw that he was holding a

large belt with straps on it. Very

quickly—so quickly that it was all done

before I knew where I was—he slipped

the belt round my waist, buckled it,

and strapped my arms to it. My wrists

were also strapped together just near

the buckle.

When all was ready the wardens and

officials who were standing in the cell

around me, formed up in procession and

we started on our way to the scaffold.

This was the order of the procession:

Chief Warden.

Chaplain.

Schoolmaster.

Warden.

Executioner.

Governor.

Under-Sheriff.

With slow paces we left the cell. We

might have been following a man.

The prison bell was now tolling. I

was listening to my own death-knell.

In the corridor outside the cell I saw

several reporters. Even during this

dreadful journey to the grave I held

my head high. I walked with firm, un-

hesitating step. No man can say that

I flinched.

As we walked the chaplain read the

burial service.

All at once a strange idea came into

my head. The way to the scaffold was

taking us through a part of the prison

I had never been in before. Yet it

seemed strangely familiar to me. I

tried to think where I had seen this

place.

Suddenly I remembered. It was in

my dream I was going over the very

same ground! "Good heavens!" I

thought. "This part of the dream has

come true. Supposing that the other

part comes true as well. Supposing I

am not executed after all!"

In a few moments we went out of a

door and I found myself walking across

a garden near the governor's house. I

looked around me. There was the gar-

den of my dream. It was all just as I

had seen it.

Right ahead of us was a low wooden

shed. It was like a coachhouse, and

its two doors were flung wide apart.

Inside, dangling from the roof, was a

rope. A few yards away in the open

was the prison van, evidently taken out

of the shed to make room for my exe-

cution. It looked like a hearse.

I looked upon all these things with

out fear. No man ought to be afraid

of death.

What was I thinking about? Cer-

tainly about none of the awful things

that are said to haunt the last mo-

ments of men who perish on the scaf-

fold.

I remember looking curiously at the

shed. The business puzzled me. There

was the rope, but how was I to get

on top of the shed so that I could be

dropped down? You see my idea of it

was that the victim had to be pushed

off a height into space. The idea of

the trap never occurred to me.

I had in my imagination a picture of

the old gibbet—the post with the beam

across it and the rope hanging down. I

thought there would be a cart and that

I would be in the cart, and that when

the noose was fixed the cart would be

drawn away.

There was the scaffold. How did it

work? I was soon to know.

Whilst my thoughts were thus occu-

pled we got to the shed. The officials

stood aside and Berry conducted me to

a place on the floor that looked like

a trap-door in two halves.

"Stand there!" he said.

"I don't think there is any mark on

the trap or any line for me to toe.

Berry simply pointed with his foot to

the spot on which I was to stand, and

I took up the position, standing erect

with my head up just as I used to do

in the navy. Above me was a beam

from which the rope was hanging.

I will now try to describe to you the

three attempts that were made to exe-

cute me. Various accounts have been

published of my execution. They all

differ, and are most wrong in their de-

scription of what took place after each

attempt.

Some of them said that I turned

deadly pale and that when I was finally

taken off the trap my face was a

horrible hue. Some say that I nearly

fainted. As far as I know—and after

all I am the man who should know—

best I bore up from the beginning to

the end of my terrible ordeal. I cer-

tainly did not faint.

Let me tell you all about the first

attempt they made to hang me.

As soon as I was in position the exe-

cutioner stooped down and fixed a

hook around my ankles.

I looked about once more. Rising up

in front of me was the dreary prison.

At one of the windows I could see the

reporters waiting to see how I would

die. There were some birds hopping

about in the garden near the shed.

How sweet their music was. It re-

minded me of my own dear little vil-

lage of Abbotskerswell. I thought of

our cottage, of my mother and father

probably sitting by the fire, of the peo-









## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

## A NIGHT-PROWLING ARISTOCRAT

The International Sunday School Lesson for February 2 is "Jesus, the Saviour of the World" John III 1-21.

By William T. Ellis.

Recently a crowd of celebrated financiers held a night conference in a mansion near where these words were written. They came skulking in from various directions, singly and by twos, to keep the public from knowing of their meeting. Some who usually travel in private cars came by ordinary train; others in covered automobiles; all was secrecy and mystery. There have been numerous night gatherings of this sort lately on the part of well-known "money kings" who are afraid of the light of publicity. Dread of the daylight of public observation has recently become a monomania with some of these.

For some of the same reasons a man of wealth and eminent public position, two thousand years ago, went sneaking through the byways of Jerusalem to seek, under cover of darkness, an interview of which he was ashamed. The incident branded him, and he forever stalks through history as the man who came by night. Never once is his name mentioned in the immortal record without this tag being affixed to it: even as Judas is never mentioned without a qualifying phrase to his name. This wealthy aristocrat was a distinguished Jew, a recipient of the highest office of his nation could bestow, outside of the priesthood, and a powerful public character, by name Nicodemus.

His proud name would long since have been added to the dust of the countless forgotten local celebrities who strutted for a brief day in what they believed to be greatness, were it not for the fact that he once had an illumination—shad—him to seek an interview with a humble north-country teacher named Jesus. Nicodemus thought that he was conferring great distinction upon this itinerant rabbi, little dreaming that his own name was to live only by being linked to that of Jesus. More than once those who considered themselves mighty have won fame only because of a casual relation with persons whom they have looked down upon. So conscious was Nicodemus of his own dignity and standing that he feared to imperil them by being seen in company with this Nazarene. It never occurred to his proud and self-satisfied mind that his action was an insult to Jesus, with whom he would not dare be seen talking by daylight, and that the latter would be justified in closing the door in his face.

## Who Condescended?

The "manly" way would have been to spurn this haughty aristocrat's visit with scorn; but the divine was to receive him. If the Lord stopped where men stop, there would be scant hope for any of us to reach heaven. His patience and long-suffering were sublimely exhibited in this incident. The condescension which he displayed was divine, and all the while this timid, furtive, secretive doctor of divinity, so selfishly careful of his reputation, thought that he was the one who displayed condescension!

Looking beneath the insolent action, Jesus discerned a spark of loyalty to the truth. Underneath his fearfulness and pride, Nicodemus really was a seeker after the truth. This is his claim to honor. He was in pursuit of the truth concerning this new Wonder-Worker. The instincts of the scholar, who puts truth first, impelled him upon that night quest. With fuller knowledge than this member of the Sanhedrin, every man to-day who is honest with his best self is bound to reckon with Jesus Christ.

He is the inevitable and inescapable. At every turn He confronts us. Today is a new fragment of one of His sayings, dug up in Egypt, which is treated to the extent of columns in the

daily press. Now it is His message spoken by a leader of men. Now it is His spirit incarnated in social service to the lowly. Again it is His Gospel, regnant in the minds of a majority of the people, that upraises itself militantly in our own day for a purification and exaltation of our social, political and commercial life. The procession of men, of whom Nicodemus was one, who have been confronted by Christ, the question, is long and unended.

## A Quibbling Divine.

Admitted by a condescension, which he could not understand, the polished Divine began to indulge in the polite palaver of society; his devotion to truth did not save him from the conventional little fibs, any more than some people's religion to-day keeps them from reporting themselves "not at home," and similar falsehoods.

"Rabbi," began Nicodemus, with many a deferential bow and smile and rubbing of hands and other signs of Pharisaic complacency, "we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him."

Now that was simply making agreeable conversation. Nicodemus had believed it, he would not have gone sneaking around back alleys cloaked in darkness, lest somebody should suspect his errand. It was but a sample of the artificiality of society, which sickens sincere souls and makes them wish that the simple, direct and truthful speech of the Friends could be universal.

By the canons of Mrs. Grundy, the reply of Jesus was rude—disconcerting, direct and embarrassing personal. Without paying any heed to His visitor's effusive and insincere greeting, the Host plunged into the middle of the subject that really was in the guest's mind. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." That to a member of the Sanhedrin, who thought himself a custodian of religion! Had this unconventional Stranger no respect for the proprieties, or for dignitaries?

The key to this almost brusque directness of Jesus is found in the introduction to this incident, where we read, "He needed not that any one should bear witness concerning him; for He himself knew what was in man." Jesus is the perfect character-reader. His wisdom was greater than the knowledge of the schools. Never a hypocrite deceives Him. He discerns the secrets of the heart. Therefore His dealings with men must be on the plane of absolute frankness and knowledge.

Despite his severe jolt, Nicodemus has not learned his lesson. Like a conventional theologian, he began to quibble. How could a man be born when he was old? Surely, Nicodemus knew that he was only quibbling. But his pettifogging question gave occasion for the deep words of Jesus upon the new birth.

The Preaching of the Times.

The arrogant scholar, proud of his position, has suddenly become a helpless and bewildered pupil. His "How can these things be?" reveals him hopelessly at sea. With fine irony the Nazarene cuts deep by the query, "Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things? Why, I've told you only the beginning of things," He continues, in substance,

Then Jesus began what many of His disciples have left off doing: He expounded a spiritual teaching. Like the pupil only knew it, this is what man-kind craves. It wants a message aimed straight at the human heart, concerning the things of the spirit. The sermons for which the times cry are not polished literary essays, or polemical political preachments, or attenuated news bulletins; they are words of life, for the soul of man.

Without apology or equivocation, Jesus asserted that entrance into His spiritual kingdom could only be by a new birth, for which the spirit of God is responsible. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." A mystery? Of course, but no greater mystery

than the wind that was blowing about the house at the moment. The new birth cannot be explained; but it may be experienced. On this point an innumerable company of spiritual men and women join their voices with that of Jesus and say: "We speak that we do know, and bear witness of that we have seen." Even beyond this, the Master intimated, there are profound mysteries of spiritual truth. The life begotten by God is less mysterious than the life identified with God.

## Convinced, But a Coward Still.

The man who will not speak to a small audience may be reminded that the fullest exposition of the divine purpose that had ever been made was directed to one proud and fearful Pharisee. It was to Nicodemus that Jesus uttered the words that are the best verbal representation of God; the words that have been the door through which uncounted myriads have entered Heaven. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Comment upon that stupendous declaration is beyond me.

From it we turn to Nicodemus. He had heard the gospel in its freshness and fullness—had heard it in the melting tones of Jesus, and illuminated by the tender glance of the Savior Himself. What a privilege! Of course He was convinced, as His later conduct showed. Yet He did not "Come to the light, that His works might be made manifest." He was afraid. He like most of us, had not the courage to follow His highest light. As John records, plainly having Nicodemus in mind, he was one of the members of the Sanhedrin who also "believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory of men more than the glory that is of God."

To Nicodemus, the favored, it was given only in a relative sense to embody the new birth in the Teacher whom he had been afraid to confess in life. And if there is remorse in heaven Nicodemus knows it.

## YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.

## "YOUNG MEN FOR WAR"

Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of the Young Peoples' Societies—Christian Endeavor, Baptist Young People's Union, Epworth League, etc.—for February 2nd, is, "The Secret Heart of Christian Endeavor," Col. III, 1-3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

By William T. Ellis.

This meeting marks the twenty-sixth anniversary of the formation of the first Christian Endeavor Society. The occasion may even be called one of general public interest, for this young people's movement in the churches has been undebigly one of the vital factors in the life of the present generation. The real power and manifestation of Christian Endeavor has been within the local church, and within the sphere of the individual life. Yet there have been expressions of the Christian Endeavor spirit and discipline which have affected the world at large.

The world has no scales in which to weigh spiritual forces.

Admittedly, results of a definite movement like this cannot be definitely tabulated. The best that can be done is to trace the broad markings of its outreaching influence. And whatever field of moral progress in the world to-day we may traverse, we there find signs of the presence of this modern uprising of Christian people. Many of the political reformers who are at the fore to-day received their training in Christian Endeavor. I was amazed at the large proportion of younger missionaries whom I met on the foreign field who attributed their presence in that place to the influence of Christian Endeavor upon them. Go over the roll of Sunday school workers, Chautauqua leaders, mission study travelers, and the percentage of those who have come from the ranks of Christian Endeavor and kindred organizations is really astonishing. Find what fault we may with methods or management, the success of the movement is proved by its fruits.

Because Christian Endeavor is "For Christ and the Church" it is most effectively for the world.

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O for more consecration, that in future days A larger work may rise on every hand, That millions more may learn Thy name to praise, And Calvary's Cross illumine every land, That all the youth in all the world may know The secret of the love that stirs us on!

A cause is like a tree; that one lives longest which strikes its roots deepest. Christian Endeavor continues to be an abiding power because it does not hesitate to appeal to the profoundest sentiments of the human heart. It summons youth to a full, unreserved, and active allegiance to Jesus Christ. Nor does it shrink from bringing that greatest of love and greatest of loyalties to bear upon even the slightest actions. That life may be lived, even down to its minor details, "for Christ," is its splendid assumption. So it summons youth into the service of the Saviour, and trains him in that service. It pledges him to do as he ever he would like to have him do. With that shining purpose is it any wonder that the members of these young people's so-

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Whatever it is promised to do, it is proper to promise to do.

The religion that does not comport with wholesome, normal youthful life is not true religion. Or to express the more practical side of the proposition, the youthfulness that is not in consonance with sane and genuine religion needs to mend its ways.

The best life is the life lived for the best ends. Christian Endeavor has contributed greatly to the exaltation of the ideals of the world and of the church.

A warm, intense and sufficient motive has been imparted to the lives of myriads of otherwise careless, heedless, drifting youth by the movement which has often been designated aptly as "The New Crusade." A vista of life's largeness and worthwhileness has been imparted to them. They have been swept into the stream of ardent spirits in pursuit of noble goals. Their vision and their sympathies and their effectiveness have been greatly enhanced. They are more and more, because of Christian Endeavor.

Without deep, personal love for Christ on the part of its members, Christian Endeavor possesses the form of godliness, but denies the power thereof.

A few days ago I was talking with the young man in whose brain was born the idea of that tremendous force in present-day Christianity, the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Not only is its conception and its organization due to him, but also, to an unsuspected degree, responsibility for its progress. He has never given up the idea of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to become national. In this conversation he recalled our earliest association in Christian Endeavor work, and frankly avowed that if it had not been for Christian Endeavor he probably would not be active in Christianity to-day. Thus the Laymen's Movement is seen to be a direct outgrowth of the earliest movement among the young people.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions is asking the church for \$1,000,000 this year.

Canadian immigrants are now met at the most important railway points by Young Men's Christian Association secretaries who have been set apart exclusively for this work.

Eight times the number of students in the largest university in North America are enrolled this year in the educational classes of the Young Men's Christian Association.

It is reported that the Roman Catholics of England and Germany have formed a league, the purpose of which is to demand the suppression of the "Index."

After January 1st, 1908, there will no longer be an established church in Germany. The national church was established four hundred years ago by John Calvin.

Now the people have voted to separate church and state.

The international jury in social economy has given its highest award, the Grand Prix, to Charles Stieglitz, head of the department of church and labor of the Presbyterian denomination.

A world congress for all branches of the Anglican church will be held in London next June. At a thanksgiving service which is proposed to hold in St. Paul's cathedral, it is expected that there will be made not only a great missionary thank-offering in money, but also no less than five hundred prepared volunteers for missionary service.

The principal Pantheists, which form a part of the Hindu Vedas, or sacred

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books, have been translated from the original Sanskrit by a young American who has earned great distinction as a Sanskrit and Hebrew scholar, Robert Ernest Hume. Mr. Hume was born in India, being the son of Rev. R. E. Hume, the famous missionary. Mr. Hume has declined several positions of scholarly honor, and has lately gone to India as a missionary of the American Board.

In some parts of South Africa the British government has looked with little favor upon the work of missionaries for the natives. Recently the government of Natal has been in sharp controversy with the mission. Report now comes from Dr. Edward W. Capen, who is making a tour of the mission fields, that the new governor of Natal shows warm sympathy with the missionaries and is co-operating with them.

## SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

Who opens the door to success must push.—John Strahan.

One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers, in which idle people indulge.—J. H. Newman.

That man is blest Who does his best And leaves the rest, So don't worry.

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun, Views from thy hand no worthy action done."

Simple duty hath no place for fear.—Whitaker.

In good things, Unity; In small things, Liberty; In all things, Charity.

He hath showed thee, oh man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah vi., 8.

## FREE-BALL.

Dancing in Miniature Forest Where Rare Birds Sing—Guests Go Fishing.

There is no end to freak meals and freak balls in America. It was thought that the last word in wonderful dances had been said when, a few days ago, at the coming out of Miss Mary Astor Paul in Philadelphia, \$125,000 was spent by her fond papa. A good deal of this went in the purchase of gorgeous butterflies from all parts of the world, which were liberated in the ballroom.

But this entertainment, splendid as it was, had been completely eclipsed by another given at Philadelphia's most palatial hotel, the Bellevue, Stratford. Philip Randolph, a large landowner and speculator, determined to make the social debut of his daughter Dorothy—an event which should not be soon forgotten—and he succeeded.

The ballroom at the hotel was transformed into a "miniature forest" by the representation of a woodland glade, with rustic bridges over real pools, surrounded by plants and flowers, flowing fountains and all kinds of rare fish swimming in the ponds and streams. These were angled for by the guests, but when caught were released in the water.

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## IMMIGRATION BILL AMENDED

### IN COMMITTEE STAGE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

### Measure Now Seems Well Adapted to Insure Disallowance by Ottawa.

In the legislature yesterday afternoon the Immigration Bill of the attorney-general passed committee. It was amended on motion of Hon. W. J. Bowser by the striking out of the subsection, whereby an exception was made in the case of "any person the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed, or whose exclusion from Canada has been ordered by any act of the parliament of Canada."

As was pointed out by the leader of the opposition, this leaves no question as to the bill being now repugnant to legislation at Ottawa, and courts disallowance in the most flagrant manner. It is more than likely that this has been the cause of the section being struck out.

The government side, however, struck it out, and the bill has gone through committee in that shape.

John Jardine has asked for the production of all correspondence and agreements entered into with the E. & N. relative to the question of an exemption from taxation being offered the company.

Press Gallery, Jan. 31st.  
The House met at 2:30 o'clock.  
New Bills.

Dr. Hall introduced a bill to amend the municipal clauses act, which was referred to the municipal committee.

Hon. Mr. Bowser introduced a bill to amend the municipalities incorporation act.

Correspondence on Exemption.

Mr. Jardine moved that an order of the House be granted for a return forthwith of copies of any agreement entered into between the government and the E. & N. Railway Co. in respect to exemption from taxation of the extension of the railway to Alberni; also, for copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, in respect to the same matter.

It was important, he said, that the House should know exactly what the relations were between the railway company, and the government. In as much as it had been intimated by the finance minister that some concession to the company had been practically agreed upon.

Hon. Mr. McBride promised to produce the correspondence. He disclaimed the idea that anything derogatory to the government would be disclosed therein, contending that the arrangement agreed upon with the company had been made for the purpose of hastening railway construction in the province, in the public interests.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite commented upon the objectionable features of the

disclosure in the premier's remarks. The House was to be asked, not to use its judgment in the matter, but to agree to something which the government had already done. He objected on principle to this kind of parliamentary government. That justification was found for such an exemption on the ground of individual advantage he contended was untenable, as the unfriendly disposition of the company toward white labor was already manifest in the employment of Japanese on the right of way. What then was the justification for such an exemption, and where were the compensating advantages to the people? He intimated that he would await the presentation of the government's proposal with interest, and at the same time advised that he would stand for immediate construction and a provision that only white labor should be employed, if he should be persuaded to support the exemption proposition.

The motion passed.

Questions and Answers.

John Oliver asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question: After the passage of bill No. 90, session of 1907, did the Hon. the Attorney-General make a report to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, specifying whether any legal objections existed to his assenting to said bill No. 90, or whether his duty and obligations as representative of the crown would necessitate that he should withhold his assent from such bill?

Hon. Mr. Fulton, the then Attorney-General, replied as follows:

No report was made.

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. If he is aware that the Hindus are continually cremating their dead on Fraser street, in Esquimalt district?

2. If so, under what authority is it done?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:

1. I have not been informed that the Hindus are continually cremating their dead on Fraser street, in Esquimalt district.

There is nothing in any law in force in this province, that I am aware of, which forbids, or prevents, or requires any special authority for, the cremation of the dead.

If a Hindu dies under circumstances that render an inquest necessary, the cremation of the body must not take place until after an inquest has been held.

2. Answered by the reply to question No. 1.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question: What amounts of tax or royalty were paid during the last fiscal year by each of the following collieries: Cumberland, Extension, Middleboro, Carbonado, Soal Creek, Michel?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows: Cumberland and Extension collieries (Wellington Colliery Co.), tax \$33,451.68; Nanaimo Colliery (Western Fuel Co.), tax, \$18,555.90; Middleboro Colliery, tax, Carbonado, Soal Creek and Michel collieries (Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.) tax \$33,908.51; royalty, \$21,093.70. Totals, tax, \$85,216.79; royalty, \$21,093.70.

Dr. King asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make provision in the estimates for the coming year for the construction of a bridge, or ferry, across the Kootenay river at Wardner?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

The matter has not yet been decided.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make any provision in the estimates to repair the town line road between Fort Langley and the Yale Trunk road?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. The question has not yet been decided.

2. Answered by reply to question one.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make provision in the estimates for the construction of a new piece of road south of the Fraser river bridge, according to the plans prepared by Mr. Hill, C. E.?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

The matter will be considered.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

1. Why has the \$250 authorized to be expended on Barnston not been expended?

2. Does the government intend to expend the amount authorized before the end of the present financial year?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. The road superintendent reported in September last that it had not been possible to get men to do the work.

2. Yes.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

1. Why has the full amount authorized to be expended on the Coast-Meridian road, Hall's Prairie?

2. Is it the intention to expend the

balance of this appropriation during the present financial year?

3. What work has been done, and what work is it proposed to do, with the balance of the appropriation?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. The road superintendent reported in September last that it had not been possible to get men to do the work.

2. Yes.

3. No report has yet been received as to what work was done, but it consists mainly of ditching.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

1. Why has the full amount authorized to be expended upon the filling of the canyon on the Brown road?

2. Is it the intention to expend the balance of the appropriation during the present financial year?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. The road superintendent reported in September last that it had not been possible to get men to do the work.

2. Yes.

Committed Bill.

The bill to amend the supreme court act was committed, with W. F. McKay in the chair. Progress was reported.

Immigration Bill.

The immigration bill was taken up in committee, with Price Ellison in the chair.

The attorney-general moved to strike out sub-section F of section three providing an exemption from the provisions of the act in the case of any person the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed, or whose exclusion from Canada has been ordered by any act of parliament of Canada.

J. A. Macdonald argued that the attorney-general's amendment was acceptable to all interpretation that he wished to encourage the Ottawa government to disallow the act on constitutional grounds. In other words, he proposed to eliminate from the act what might be construed as a badge of sincerity that the legislature and the government wished to keep within their constitutional powers. He (Mr. Macdonald) argued that they should not do anything to solicit or compel disallowance, but should so construct the measure that its constitutionality would not be questioned, and it might be made operative against the races to which it was not repugnant to any act of the Dominion parliament. It was quite clear that the attorney-general desired to give Ottawa an excuse for the disallowance of the bill.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite said that in his opinion the attorney-general's motion would tend to the sincerity of the House, and intimated that he had an amendment, which he believed would tend to the effectiveness of the bill.

Hon. W. J. Bowser argued that it would make no difference, when the bill came before the courts whether the subsection was in it or not.

J. A. Macdonald: "Why strike it out then?"

Hon. W. J. Bowser contended that Ottawa had disallowed their bills without permitting opportunity to have them constitutionally decided by the courts.

J. A. Macdonald pointed out that the first consideration which would occur to anybody sincerely desiring that the bill should be effective was that they should keep within the powers prescribed by the British North America Act. What the attorney-general proposed to do was to cut out the section which expressly set this point at rest, in declaring that they intended to keep within their jurisdiction. It could not in any way limit the extent of the act to leave the section intact, as they could not go beyond their jurisdiction anyway.

In reply to a question of Mr. McPhillips, the leader of the opposition said he did not argue that the elimination of the section would expressly cause the disallowance of the act, but that it would give some color of excuse to the federal authorities for so doing.

A. E. McPhillips argued that the act should not be disallowed on constitutional grounds, but contended that it would be disallowed as a matter of political expediency.

J. A. Macdonald observed that the member for the Islands had pointed his argument, which was that the Ottawa authorities should not be given any excuse for disallowing the bill. He remarked that the province had been put to considerable expense in testing the settlers' rights act because the intention of the legislature had been clouded in the act.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that the powers of the legislature were not known with reference to the settlers' rights legislation until that act was passed upon by the Privy Council, and that a division of opinion as to those powers had existed in the House during the discussion of the bill. The same situation obtained with reference to the present bill, there being a conflict of legal opinion in the House as to what the powers of the legislature really were. Both parties in the House, he contended, were exploiting the subject for political advantage alone.

A. E. McPhillips, diverting to the reference of the leader of the opposition to the occasion of the conflict with reference to the settlers' rights act, gave it as his opinion, and this view, he said, had prevailed, that the act was clear and precise in its terms in giving the settlers the coal which underlies their lands.

J. A. Macdonald remarked that this was rather a reflection on the three judges who tried the case in British Columbia.

A. E. McPhillips said he could not help it if it were. He pointed out that the point taken by the leader of the opposition was met by the fact that section 25 of the B. N. A. Act, stipulating that they could not pass legislation repugnant to legislation passed at Ottawa, was inserted in the preamble of the bill. There was, therefore, no occasion for the subsection which was practically a repetition. He contended that the presence of the subsection was an imprint of ineffectiveness in the bill.

John Oliver said that this imprint of ineffectiveness had been in all the previous immigration acts passed by the legislature. How was it that the idea

of it being an imprint of ineffectiveness had awakened only at this particular moment?

Mr. Macdonald remarked that it was the removal of the amendment in the experience of the Hindus in this country that they were not likely to send home for their mothers-in-law. The generality of them had become beggars in the public places with a piteous display of medals to excite the British generosity. If the bill could not be made effective against the Japanese, as contended by the leader of the opposition, he could not see that it mattered much in what particular shape it passed the House. However, he saw no objection to passing the bill, against the eventuality of the Dominion arrangement with Japan being abandoned, and a way opened for the bill to become operative with respect to the Japanese.

The question was then put and the amendment passed on a straight party vote, the three Socialists voting with the government in favor of it.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved that the following be added as a new section to the bill:

This act shall not come into effect or be enforced by the Japanese immigrants are concerned, provided that an effective agreement has been entered into and is being carried out between the governments of Japan and Canada to exclude Japanese artisans and laborers from the province of British Columbia.

The attorney-general signified his disapproval of the amendment on the ground that it would furnish the Ottawa government with an excuse to disallow the bill.

J. A. Macdonald said it was apparent that not only the Conservatives, but the Socialists were seeking to put the act through in such shape as to invite disallowance at Ottawa, with a view to exciting the campaign cry against the government.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite agreed that the leader of the opposition was right with respect to the Conservatives, but denied the impeachment so far as the Socialists were concerned. The amendment he contended, was intended to try and find out if it was in the power of the legislature to deal with the question. He did not believe the bill would be effective in excluding the Japanese or any other race. If constitutional means failed to secure the stoppage of Oriental immigration he predicted that the workmen of the country would some day resort to means which were not constitutional, and he said he would cheerfully assist them by any means in his power. He said the Liberals were only trying to shield their friends at Ottawa.

J. A. Macdonald said if they were trying to shield their friends at Ottawa they would naturally have supported the attorney-general's amendment.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said there were 20,000 Japanese in the province, and that there was reason to believe that they were trained soldiers ready to take up arms and seize the country. In the event of war or any national emergency the presence of such a large number of Japanese might aggravate the difficulty and bring about an armed invasion of the country.

The amendment was put and voted down. Messrs. Williams and McInnis were not in their places. Mr. Hawthornthwaite was the only voice in favor of it.

The bill was reported complete with amendments.

The House rose.

Notice of Motion.

By John Oliver on Monday next:

Whereas at the last session of this House bill No. 20, entitled An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia, unanimously passed the third reading, but the King's assent thereto was withheld by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and the said bill was reserved for the consideration of the Governor-General of Canada.

And whereas it appears that His Honor reserved the said bill without instructions from His Excellency the Governor-General to do so, and at a time when it appears that the Wellington Colliery Company, of which His Honor was and still is president, was under contract to give employment to a large number of Asiatics to be brought into this province by an immigration company, contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of our laws, and contrary to the almost unanimous sentiment of the people of British Columbia against Oriental immigration into the province.

And whereas, by reason of the above, the confidence of the people of this province in His Honor the Lieut.-Governor is greatly impaired, if not wholly destroyed:

Therefore, he it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, praying for the removal of the Lieut.-Governor from the office of Lieut.-Governor of the province of British Columbia.

By J. H. Hawthornthwaite, on Monday next:

Whereas, during the last session of this House, a bill was introduced into British Columbia, with the object and intent of preventing a further influx into this province of backward races, notably by the submission of His Imperial Majesty the Mikado of Japan;

Whereas the said bill, as amended, successfully passed through the various stages in this legislature, was supported by the members of the executive council at that time present, and was enacted, so far as it lay in the power of the members of this legislature;

Whereas the Hon. James Dunsinuir, Lieut.-Governor of this province, refused to assent to the passage of the said bill;

Whereas the Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, has publicly stated that the Lieut.-Governor was not advised by his government to refuse to give his assent to said bill;

Whereas it has transpired, during an investigation by the deputy minister of labor, MacKenzie King, acting under instructions from the Dominion gov-

ernment, into the causes and nature of the extraordinary immigration of Japanese laborers into this province, that the Hon. James Dunsinuir, in his private capacity as an operator of coal mines in this province, had, on or about the time of the passage of said bill, entered into a contract with the Canadian Nippon Company of Vancouver, to procure five hundred Japanese coolies for exploitation in his coal mines; and

Whereas the passage of the aforesaid bill would have had the effect of delaying or preventing the coming into this province of the laborers aforesaid:

Therefore, he it resolved, that this House appeal to the Governor-General of this Dominion to investigate into all these matters, and should it be ascertained that the Hon. James Dunsinuir has acted unconstitutionally, that he be dismissed forthwith from office.

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to do all kinds of carriage, blacksmith  
and horse shoeing, etc., and make a  
specialty of shoeing horses with corns,  
quarter cracks, etc. Attention is called  
to my cheap and reliable work, and to  
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lead, cast iron, and all kinds of  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
MARIA MATILDA HUMBER, LATE  
OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.

All persons indebted to the estate of  
Maria Matilda Humber, late of the City  
of Victoria, deceased, are requested to  
pay the amount of their indebtedness  
forthwith to the undersigned or to R.  
Humber, 45 George road, and all persons  
having claims against the said estate are  
requested to send particulars of their  
claims, duly verified, to the undersigned  
before the first day of March, 1908. After  
the said date the estate will be distrib-  
uted amongst the parties entitled thereto,  
having regard to the claims only of which  
the undersigned had then notice.

Dated the 11th day of January, 1908.  
A. A. HUMBER,  
S. S. OSTERHOFF,  
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**FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—Cheap, Diamond foot-cover  
machine, making strong, durable, foot-  
cover, power, complete, equal to new;  
replaced by power. Moore & Whittington,  
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smoke stack, 30 feet of its pipe and fit-  
tings, all complete and in good working  
order, used for a dry kiln. Moore &  
Whittington, contractors.

**FOR SALE—Good family cow.** Apply 1022  
Caledonia avenue.

**FOR SALE—A nearly new 12-egg incubator**  
and 2 brooders; also several  
thoroughbred Brown Leghorn cockerels.  
Apply C. H. Revercomb, 418 Troughton  
Ave.

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and shafts. Apply Coachman, Fern-  
wood, Cadboro Bay road.

**HARDY CABBAGE PLANTS**, 50c.  
per 100; \$3 per 1,000. Catalogue of 20; very  
stock free on application. M. T. Murray,  
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**SLAB WOOD FOR SALE.** Mill slash cut  
into short lengths at \$3.00 per cord de-  
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ham Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone No. 264.  
Orders also taken at John's Brook Store.

**FOR SALE—Hammerless J. J. revolver,**  
22 cal., 20 shells, \$4. 15 Jewelled Am.  
Waltham watches, \$12; History of the  
World, 9 vols., \$12; shotgun and case,  
almost new, \$18; safety razor, \$2; navy  
cutter, \$2; army overcoats, \$4.50.  
Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand  
store, 26 Johnson street, four doors be-  
low Government.

**HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—New house in James Bay,  
close to Park; seven rooms, basement,  
large lot; house well built, no cheap  
work or material; will be sold in two  
weeks. Apply Box 178, Times.

**FOR SALE—A snap**, 4 roomed cottage, in  
splendid condition, beautiful garden and  
fruit trees to suit. Apply 314 View street.

**FOR SALE—A beautiful home**, and fur-  
niture if desired, suitable for large  
family or high-class boarding house. Im-  
mediate delivery. Particulars, Post  
Office Box 85.

**FOR SALE—Some of the best fruit land**  
on the island, convenient to city, and  
within 40 yards of railway station, no  
rock. Will be sold at about half value.  
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**FOR SALE—At January sale prices,**  
choice acreage of George water front,  
and other small tracts close to city.  
Great values in houses, bungalows, cot-  
tages, lots, etc. Apply C. H. Rever-  
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some house property, lots and acreage,  
on small, long-continued payments at 5  
per cent. interest. Would take about  
half surrounding values for several of  
the properties. No 125, Times Office.

**FOR SALE—5 choice large lots**, on the  
highest part of Smith Hill, commanding  
elevations, magnificent view, \$700 each,  
easy terms. Petherston, Woodlands,  
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**SIDNEY**—Owner wishes to sell 10 acres  
good land, all clear, fenced with wire,  
a mile from Sidney station, 1/2 mile from  
school, cheap for immediate sale. Ap-  
ply Box 436, P. O., Victoria.

**TO LET.**  
TO RENT—A well furnished room to rent.  
Central Hotel. Central. Apply Box 22,  
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**FURNISHED ROOM TO LET**—Steam  
heated, 334 Michigan street.

**FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT**, 54  
Port street.

**TO RENT—Poultry and fruit farm**, cap-  
able of carrying 2,000 chickens and 50  
fruit trees. Address Box 146, this office.

**James Bay Athletic Association**  
Limited Liability.

**NOTICE.**  
The Annual General Meeting of the  
shareholders of the J. B. A. A. will  
be held at the Club Rooms, Belleville  
street, on Tuesday, the 4th day of  
February, 1908, at 8:30 p. m.

**Shareholders** are requested to meet-  
ing of the members of the J. B. A. A. will  
be held at the Club Rooms, Belleville  
street, on Tuesday, the 4th day of  
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Victoria, B. C., 28th January, 1908.

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to advertise, the one important  
consideration, in connection with  
the best returns, in dollars  
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steady, confident spirit that in-  
variably wins in every form of  
human endeavor. It is very  
much like every undertaking  
worth while; time and patience  
are required. The spasmodic ef-  
forts of a merchant can have  
but one logical result—Spas-  
modic returns and it naturally  
follows the persistent advertiser  
is the one who receives the in-  
creased trade.

**Synopsis of Canadian Northwest**  
Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion  
Land in Manitoba, or the Northwest  
Provinces, excepting 3 and 25, not reserved  
May be homesteaded by any person  
the sole head of a family, or male over 21  
years of age, to the extent of one-quarter  
section, of 160 acres, more or less.  
Application for homestead entry must  
be made in person by the applicant at the  
office of the local Agent as Sub-Agent.  
Entry by proxy may be made on certain  
conditions by a father, mother, son, daughter, wife, or sister  
of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection  
must be made personally at any Sub-Agent's office  
may be made in person by the applicant  
Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant,  
and if the land applied for is vacant  
on receipt of the telegram such applica-  
tion is to have priority and the land will  
be held until the necessary papers to com-  
plete the transaction are received by mail.  
In case of "personation" the entry will  
be summarily cancelled and the applicant  
will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be  
made in person. The applicant must be  
eligible for homestead entry, and only one  
application for inspection will be received  
from an individual until that application  
has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good  
standing, and not liable to cancellation,  
may, subject to the order of Department,  
relinquish it in favor of father, mother,  
daughter, brother or sister, if eligible,  
or to any one else, on filing declaration  
of abandonment.

When an entry is summarily cancelled,  
or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to  
institution of cancellation proceedings,  
the homesteader will be entitled to  
priority of right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in  
what particular the homesteader is in  
default, and if subsequently the state-  
ment is found to be incorrect in material  
particulars the applicant will lose his  
prior right of re-entry, should the land  
become vacant, or if entry has been  
granted it would be summarily cancelled.

**DUTIES**—A settler is required to per-  
form the conditions under one of the fol-  
lowing plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon  
cultivation of the land in each year  
during the term of the homestead.

(2) If the father or mother, if the father  
is deceased, of a homesteader re-  
sides upon a farm in the vicinity of the  
land entered for by such homesteader the  
requirement as to residence may be satis-  
fied by such person residing with the  
father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent  
residence upon farming land owned by  
him in the vicinity of his homestead, the  
requirement may be satisfied by residence  
upon such land.

Before making application for patent  
the settler must file a written notice  
with the local Agent, or Sub-Agent, of  
his intention to do so.

**SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-  
WEST MINING REGULATIONS.**

One claim mining rights may be  
leased for a period of twenty-one years at  
an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not  
more than one claim may be leased to  
one individual or company. A royalty  
at the rate of five cents per ton shall be  
collected on the marketable coal mined  
under the lease for each five acres.

**QUARTZ**—A person eighteen years of  
age, or over, having discovered mineral in  
place, may locate a claim 100 x 100  
feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.  
At least 100 feet must be expended on the  
claim each year or paid to the mining  
recorder in lieu thereof. When 500 feet  
has been expended or paid, the locator may  
upon having a survey made, and upon  
completing with other requirements, pur-  
chase the claim for \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of  
a royalty of 25 per cent. on the value of  
minerals mined. Claims generally are 10  
feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable  
yearly.

An applicant may obtain one lease, a  
dredge for gold of five miles each for a  
term of twenty years, renewable at the  
direction of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in op-  
eration within one year of the date of  
the lease for each five miles. Rental  
\$10 per annum for each mile of river  
dredged. Royalty at the rate of 25 per cent.  
collected on the output after it exceeds  
50,000.

**W. W. CORY.**  
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.  
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this  
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Under the direction of SIGNOR CLAUDIO  
Having formed a first-class orchestra,  
I beg to announce that I am prepared to  
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new, for \$3,500.

**LYDIA STREET**—3 lots and house, for  
\$2,200.

**SOUTH TURNER STREET**—9 roomed  
house, including furniture \$4,500.

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## Ross' Jam Bargain for Saturday

This is a lowering of price from a quotation already recognized as the lowest.

**GOOD JAM MADE IN VICTORIA**

Saturday Only—5 lb. pail for 50c

All Jams may look alike to some folks, but sagacious ones easily see the superiority of our Jams.

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Duly instructed by CAPTAIN ALL-GOOD, R. N., will sell by  
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At his Residence in the NAVAL DOCKYARD, ESQUIMALT, on  
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## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

Also instructed by MAJOR MURPHY WILLIAMS, will dispose of the whole of his  
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At his Residence, at WORK POINT BARRACKS on  
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We will hold our regular sale  
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Consisting of ASSORT. OF GROCERIES, LACE CURTAINS, TOWELS, DRESS GOODS, GENTS' SUITS, BOOKS, TIN AND ENAMELWARE, ETC.

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We are open to buy or sell for cash, good **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE** AND EFFECTS. For sale: Green bone crusher.

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We are now receiving shipments of **BANFF ANTHRACITE COAL**, an excellent fuel for furnaces.

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WASHED NUT COAL, large size.

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## BUIDERS' HARDWARE

**BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS**, we call your attention to our **YATES ST. SHOW WINDOW**, which is dressed with a complete line of **YALE & TOWNE'S BUILDERS' HARDWARE**, which ranks second to none on the market.

We are now ready to give estimates on buildings from the smallest to the largest.

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### SPECIAL

Johnson's Fluid Beet, in 8-oz. Tins, 50c Each

THIS IS A REGULAR 75c SELLER.

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## HARDWARE FOR WET PLACES AT

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## WHOLE WHEAT AND GRAHAM FLOUR

PAT. ELECTRIC PROCESS—We have now installed a new machine for the manufacture of the above brands of flour specially adapted for people with indigestion.

\$1.60 per Sack, 50 lbs.

Sylvester's Feed Company, - 709 Yates Street.

## PETER McQUADE & SON

IMPORTERS OF

Ship Chandlery, Plough Steel, Wire Rope Galvanized, Cotton and Wool Waste, Launch Supplies, Gasoline, Motor and 74 per cent.

1214 (78) Wharf Street, Victoria. B. C.

## STREETS COMMITTEE MET LAST NIGHT

Many People Want Work Done on Local Improvement Plan.

The regular meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, which is composed of all the members of the council, held its regular weekly session last evening in the council chamber. There was a large amount of routine business before them which kept them busy for several hours.

Several deputations were present to interview the committee asking for improvements under the local improvements by-law. One from Wallace Street property owners wanted the street macadamized and sidewalks built. Alderman Henderson has a notice on the board dealing with this question which will come up for the consideration of the council on Monday night.

The people of Church hill asked that the street be repaired out of the general revenue. This, it was thought, could not be done, but the council will be willing to do it on the local improvement plan by which the property owners pay the bill.

Mr. Winkler, of Coffin Island fame, waited on the committee again, this time asking that the council should build a road from the end of Roberts street, Victoria West, to opposite Coffin Island. The committee considered that as no one would use this road except Mr. Winkler it would be better for him to build it himself.

There were a large number of other routine matters but not of much public interest.

## BANK CLEARINGS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Comparison With Other Cities Favorable to Capital of British Columbia.

The bank clearings in the city of Victoria continue to grow. Although last January the city was thought to be in the midst of what might be almost called a boom and this January a somewhat quieter, more business-like yet the permanent growth of the city has been such that the bank clearings for the past month have been greater than in January of last year to the tune of \$481,586, the total for the month being \$4,391,095.

The increase during the past week over the corresponding week of last year has been no less than 22.4 per cent., the largest increase in any city of Canada. This result is very encouraging. It shows the solid basis of the prosperity of the capital city and indicates that Victoria is not so much influenced by the fluctuations of Wall Street and other financial centres of the world. The following are the weekly clearings, as shown by Bradstreet:

Montreal—\$23,210,000; decrease, 8.2.  
Toronto—\$18,979,000; decrease, 14.0.  
Winnipeg—\$9,876,000; increase, 8.8.  
Ottawa—\$2,577,000; increase, 8.3.  
Vancouver—\$2,805,000; increase, 7.3.  
Halifax—\$1,378,000; increase, 4.3.  
Quebec—\$1,178,000; increase, 1.4.  
Hamilton—\$1,186,000; decrease, 10.3.  
St. John's—\$1,092,000; increase, 5.0.  
London—\$93,000; decrease, 5.1.  
Victoria—\$481,586; increase, 22.4.  
Calgary—\$1,112,000;  
Edmonton—\$528,000.

## WORST STORM OF SEASON.

Street Car Traffic Suspended in Cities of Eastern Canada.

Special to The Times.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The worst storm of the season is raging throughout eastern Canada. Street car traffic is suspended in this and other cities, while all the steam trains are hours late.

## OAK BAY HAS WATER QUESTION

LARGE EXPENDITURE IS REQUIRED THERE

The Subject is Now Receiving the Attention of the Municipality.

The water question and all its difficulties is not confined to the city alone. It affects the suburbs outside of the municipality.

Just now Oak Bay is grappling with the water question. The subject is a difficult one for the neighboring municipality, and will require a great deal of thought before it is finally adjusted.

At the present time the residents of that district are supplied from Victoria water works system, being assessed a higher rate than is charged in the city. The solution of the city's water question is attended with considerable danger to the continuation of the system in Oak Bay, opinion is divided as to whether Victoria should continue to supply the municipality with the water required. The residents and council of Oak Bay realize the situation and at present are seriously concerned in solving their question.

A redistribution system, it is felt, is required in Oak Bay. This will probably cost not less than \$75,000.

The question of a source of supply is also a grave question. Water can be obtained from Goldstream and it is understood the council of Oak Bay has a proposition on hand from the Esquimalt company looking to supplying water. The cost of bringing that in would amount probably to \$75,000 more, having to be brought for several miles around by Saanich municipality.

## INSPECTED VANCOUVER INCINERATOR PLANT

City Engineer and Chairman of Works Committee Visit Terminal City.

A day or two ago the city engineer, accompanied by Alderman Henderson, paid a visit to Vancouver for the purpose of inspecting the incinerator plant which has been lately installed there. They found it working very satisfactorily, consuming on an average about fifty tons of garbage every day. Some days it did a good deal more than that. The furnace has been working regularly for the past two months and has just been taken over from the contractors, the Heenan Proude Company.

This is the same make of incinerator which it was arranged to put in last summer when the by-law was turned down. It is therefore quite probable that the council will now adopt the system. The matter was not discussed at the meeting of the committee last night, as there was not time to deal with it thoroughly.

There will be a rally of temperance workers and especially Royal Temperance, in the Y. M. C. A. to-night at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. S. Mackay, the secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform committee of the Methodist church, is in the city and will address the meeting. The chair will be taken by Mayor Hall. The public is invited to attend. A collection will be taken.

To-morrow Miss May Carroll, of Ontario, will preach in the Spring Ridge Oddfellows hall at 2 and 7 p. m. Dublin, and Miss Florence May, of All are cordially invited to attend.

## Frost Dispellers

Some Aids to Warm and Cheerful Homes Offered for Little

THE "NIP" OF THE FROSTY NIGHT IS EXHILIRATING—makes you step lively. The air is purer, stars even seem brighter, everything is good—it is a change. That is all well for the outside world, but such "frostiness" doesn't feel quite the same when you are in doors, and the cosy, cheerful warmth of a grate fire "feels good."

It is just such times as these that the open fireplace gets its innings, and shows what an uncommonly good radiator of cheerfulness it really is. Add to its effectiveness some of our Fire Furniture. For a mere trifle, we can supply you with some excellent fenders, fire sets, shovels and all such necessary articles. Come in and let us show you our excellent styles.

## TARDY ARRIVAL IN FIRE GOODS MARKED LOW TO CLEAR

We have just received a shipment of Fire Furniture, delivery of which we were promised in time for Christmas business. We have no desire to carry this stock into the Summer time, so we are making some interesting pricings with a view to clearing the entire lot in a hurry. The shipment is from one of the best British houses and represents some of their best creations. These are worth a visit of inspection.

### Wrought Iron Fire Sets

FIRE SETS—In wrought iron. Three pieces, shovel, poker and tongs. Three pieces for \$2.00  
FIRE SET—Wrought iron. Three pieces, shovel, poker and tongs. Per set.....\$2.50  
FIRE SET—Three-piece set, poker tongs and shovel. Made in wrought iron. Per set.....\$2.25  
FIRE SET—Three-piece set, consisting of shovel, poker and tongs. Wrought iron. Per set.....\$2.75  
FIRE SET—Wrought iron set of three pieces, shovel, poker and tongs. Per set of three pieces.....\$3.00

### Stylish Brass Fire Sets

FIRE SET—In brass, three pieces, consisting of shovel, poker and tongs. Per set.....\$2.00  
FIRE SET—Three-piece brass set, poker, shovel and tongs. Neat style, per set.....\$3.75  
FIRE SET—Another brass style in three-piece set that is excellent value at, per set.....\$4.00  
FIRE SET—A three-piece set in brass of very stylish design. Good value at, per set.....\$4.50  
FIRE SET—Brass set in three pieces, shovel, poker and tongs. Nice design. Per set.....\$5.50

### Some Handsome Styles in Brass Hearth Suites

HEARTH SUITE—A pretty style, in all brass. Consists of fender, shovel, poker, tongs and hearth. Excellent value at, per suite.....\$16.00  
HEARTH SUITE—Another all brass style that is fine value. Five pieces. One of our newest styles. Price.....\$24.00

HEARTH SUITE—Here is another of our very latest arrivals and one that at the price asked is fine value. All brass, at.....\$25.00  
HEARTH SUITE—An excellent style in all brass and one that would be an ornament to the finest room. Five pieces, at.....\$35.00

Several Nice Styles in Wrought Iron Fire Sets on Stands  
FIRE SETS—A nice style in five-piece set. Set consists of shovel, poker, tongs and brush on stand. Made in wrought iron in pretty design. We have several styles in this class of Fire Set and a choice of pricings. These are most useful. Prices range at, per set, \$9.00, \$5.00 and.....\$6.50

### Some Brass Fender Styles

KERB—In Brass. Size 54 x 12 in. for.....\$6.50  
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